

Interested in Receiving an EMG Application?

- Do you live in Johnson County?
- Are you available on Thursdays, from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. September 3 thru December 10 (attendance is required for these sessions)?
- Do you have the time to donate a minimum of 40 hours of community service each year?

If you answered yes to all these questions, complete the following information so we can send you an application for the next class which starts on September 3, 2026.

Not sure yet? Come to an Information Session on April 30th at the Extension Office to learn if this is right for you. Visit our website for details and online application.

Name _____
Address _____

City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Return to:

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Extension Master Gardener Program
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Our Mission Statement

The Johnson County K-State Extension Master Gardener volunteers preserve and beautify the environment and improve the quality of life in the community by promoting sound horticulture practices with honesty, patience and respect for the public and each other.



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Become an Extension Master Gardener

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What are Extension Master Gardeners?

Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs) are volunteers trained to educate the public in researched-based horticulture practices.

Why become an EMG?

- Do you like to learn new things?
- Do you like to share what you've learned with others?
- Do you like to help people?
- Do you like to have fun?

Being an EMG is a fun and rewarding volunteer activity. Participants develop a sense of community spirit, accomplishment and intellectual stimulation.

Created in 1972 in the state of Washington, the EMG program has since spread to all 50 states and Canada. The Johnson County EMG program started in 1980.

While EMG volunteers receive no monetary compensation for their services, they are greatly appreciated for their contributions by K-State Extension and the residents of Johnson County. EMGs feel their real joy and reward comes from sharing with others their passion for gardening.

If you have a passion for gardening and would like to share horticulture information with others, consider volunteering with the Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners (EMGs).



How Extension Master Gardeners Contribute to Our Community's Vitality

Demonstration Gardens: Work outside in the fresh air and with other EMGs beautifying our community.

Gardening Hotline: Answer questions from the public via phone or email.

Work with Children: Nurture the next generation and help them develop an early interest and appreciation of plants at events or in the Junior Master Gardeners program.

Public Garden Tour: Educate and interact with tour visitors at EMG gardens at this popular event.

Presentations and Community Outreach
Deliver informational talks on a wide variety of horticulture topics to garden clubs, civic groups and community organizations through our Community Outreach committee.

Give Back to Johnson County: In 2025 the monetary value of the hours contributed by EMG volunteers was worth \$1,473,706 in service — the equivalent of 24 full time paid staff!

Demonstration Gardens in Johnson County

The Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners have designed and maintain demonstration gardens located throughout the county.

Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center
5001 W. 163rd Terrace, Stilwell

Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead
137th and Switzer, Overland Park

Dennis Patton Garden Gallery
11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe

The Backyard Garden K-State Research Center - Olathe
35230 W. 135th Street, Olathe

Food Forest
12345 College Blvd., Overland Park

Monet Garden
8909 W. 179th Street, Overland Park

Shawnee Indian Mission
3403 W. 53rd Street, Fairway

Shawnee Town Gardens
11501 W. 57th Street, Shawnee

Wassmer Park
67th Street & Roe Avenue, Prairie Village

West Flanders Park
55th St & Nieman Road, Shawnee

