

Master Gardener Basic Training Program Application for 2026

It is recommended that you submit this application as early as possible in 2025 in order to secure a placement in the 2026 program. The course is often filled by the end of October.

Master Gardeners are **volunteers** who give horticultural advice to the public and participate in community projects to enhance knowledge, understanding and healing that can be accomplished through horticultural activities. Master Gardeners have a commitment to the mandate and welfare of the Master Gardener Association of British Columbia (MGABC).

Name:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Preferred e-mail:

Preferred phone:

Year of Birth:

Date of application

date

month

year

How did you learn about the Master Gardener Basic Training Program?

Word of mouth _____ Master Gardener Clinic _____ Social media _____

Poster/ advertising _____ VanDusen Newsletter/Website _____

Other (please indicate) _____

1. Tell us about your gardening background.

a) Do you currently have a garden? Please give us a general description, its location and the plant material you have used. If not, please describe your gardening situation.

b) What are your favorite gardening interests? (e.g. trees, shrubs, vegetables, perennials, fruit, berries, diseases, native, containers).

c) Describe any work experience related to horticulture, or operations of small organizations.

2. Tell us about your volunteer experience.

a) Do you belong to any other volunteer gardening-related groups (*e.g.* VanDusen, Richmond Garden Club)?

b) **Do you belong to any other volunteer groups unrelated to gardening?**

Please provide an outline of your volunteer experience and service.

3. Outline Your Horticultural Training.

a) Have you recently attended any presentations on gardening topics? If yes, please outline who presented and describe what you enjoyed about their presentation.

b) List any gardening courses you have taken in the past 3 years (for example, the VanDusen *Home Gardening Series*).

4. Your experience meeting the public.

Communicating with the public is an important part of being a Master Gardener.

a) Give details of any form of communication with the public you have had in any capacity.

b) Some Master Gardener volunteers choose to speak about gardening with larger groups. Describe public speaking or presentations you have given, if any.

5. Your Approach to Research.

a) Where do you look when you are searching for information about a specific gardening topic? For websites and books, please indicate your preferences.

b) If you were asked a question about a plant problem with which you were not familiar, how would you respond?

6. Outline other (non-gardening) interests/skills that you might contribute to support an active Master Gardener Association:

7. Why do you want to become a Master Gardener Volunteer?