**Course Title:** Master Gardener™ Volunteer Training Class

**Course Description:** The Oregon State University (OSU) Master Gardener™ Volunteer Training class is designed to provide in-depth training for local gardeners who wish to become volunteers in Clatsop County to help the OSU Extension Service answer home and community horticulture questions for the public. Course information is founded on research-based subject matter and provides a broad introduction to sustainable gardening and horticulture. Classes are taught by OSU instructors and Extension faculty from across the state, as well as Master Gardener volunteers and industry professionals from Clatsop County.

The 2025 Clatsop County Master Gardener training will be held as weekly classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-9:00 pm, from January 8 through April 23, 2025, with occasional additional sessions on Saturdays from 10 am – 1 pm. Most of the classes will be held in person at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, with a few sessions held at different locations in Astoria, Seaside, or Nehalem. In-person attendance is encouraged, but participants are also able to join remotely via Zoom or watch recordings of the classes later. Classroom instruction will consist of a minimum of 40 hours of class time. To become certified Master Gardener volunteers, participants will be required to complete 40 hours of class time, pass an open-book test at the end of the course, and complete 40 hours of volunteer service by October 31st, 2025.

**Course Fee:** The price for this course is $150.00. A limited number of scholarship slots are available at a discounted price of $75.00. There is also a sponsorship pricing option of $200.00, with the additional $50.00 being allocated as funding support for a potential Master Gardener trainee in need. Payment is not required at the time of application, but you must choose the category of payment under which you wish your application to be considered. Once accepted to the program, payment will be required by December 31, 2024 to complete enrollment.

**Registration:** Applications to join the course are available online at <https://beav.es/pvX>. Application assistance is available in person in the Extension Office at 2001 Marine Drive, Suite 210, Astoria, OR 97103. The number of enrollees for the training program is limited to 35, with applications evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis through December 1st, 2024.

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