

## ***Yakima County 2010 Master Gardener Application***

The purpose of the Master Gardener Program throughout Washington is to train volunteers (like you) to provide and share information on horticulture, gardening and pest management with their community. Here in Yakima County, Master Gardener training classes are held every Wednesday from 12:30 to 4:45 p.m. starting January 20 and running through May 5 in the Red Barn at the Ahtanum Youth Park in Union Gap. Most classes are taught by Extension and Research faculty representing Washington State University.

In return for this training, you are encouraged to volunteer 50 hours to the WSU Master Gardener Program. You will need to commit at least 9 of those hours working with a veteran in the Master Gardener Plant Clinic at the WSU Extension office in Yakima. At the Clinic, you will learn to answer phone calls and handle walk-in questions from community gardeners and homeowners. The Clinic is open 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from March to November. The rest of your volunteer time can be spent writing columns for local newspapers, speaking on horticulture at public forums, helping with Gardening Symposiums, contributing to community beautification programs, lending a hand in demonstration gardens, or finding other ways to share your knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening and horticulture with the local community.

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(Please print legibly)

An application fee of \$25 is required for the class (Deposit checks payable to Yakima Master Gardener Foundation). In addition, you will need to register for the Yakima County Online Master Gardener Training at this website <http://conferences.wsu.edu/mastergardener/>. A tuition fee of \$50 (payable online to WA State University by Visa/Master Card credit card) is required.

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Numbers- Office (O) or Home (H)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

104 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Yakima, WA 98901-2605  
509-574-1600 • Fax: 509-574-1601 • TDD 1-800-833-6388

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Yakima County Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

- Please indicate your access to computers and the internet. (Circle “yes” or “no”)  
Do you own a computer? Yes / No      Do you have access to the internet? Yes / No
- In 2010, Master Gardeners will complete some of their training on-line. On a scale of 1 to 5, what is your comfort with on-line training? (Circle number)

1 = no problem, experienced with on-line training courses

2

3 = Comfortable with concept & computers but may need some technical assistance

4

5 = Will definitely appreciate/require a Master Gardener “mentor” to get through this.

- Do you have any horticulture training, gardening experience, or related hobbies that you can share with your Master Gardener peers in the areas of:

Vegetables

Herbs

Pruning

Lawns

Annuals

Raised Beds

Soils

Greenhouses

Landscaping

Fruit Trees

Perennials

Native Plants

Composting (Vermiculture)

Insects/Pests

Container Plants

Houseplants

Propagation

Berries/Grapes

Ornamental Tree

Drip Irrigation

Ornamental Grasses

Any specific plant groups:

Other areas (Specify):

- Please list any personal affiliations related to horticulture, agriculture or gardening that you are associated with (societies, professional, organizational).
- Other Skills and Experiences. Often we need special skills or talents to enhance the quality of our volunteer programs. Please check the items below that you can offer the Yakima County Master Gardener Program.

Graphic art & design

Writing & editing

Calligraphy, lettering

Accounting, bookkeeping

Photography

Grant writing

Public speaking, teaching

Woodworking, Carpentry

Public Relations

Fund raising

Media relations

Business experience

Other special skills, talents or hobbies:

6. Do you anticipate any reason that might make it difficult for you to fulfill your commitment (50 hours of volunteer time) to the Yakima County Master Gardener Program this coming year?
  
7. Where or how did you learn of the WSU (or Yakima County) Master Gardener Program?
  
8. Why do you wish to become a Yakima County Master Gardener volunteer and what can our Program do for you?

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**Yes, I agree to volunteer 50 hours of service to the Yakima WSU Master Gardener Program during the first year my training.**

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Signature

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Date

Thank you for your time and interest in our Yakima County Master Gardener Program.

You should receive confirmation of your application prior to the first day of class, tentatively set for Wednesday, January 20 at 12:30 PM.

The success of our Master Gardener Program and your participation will be dependent on a mutual exchange of time, information, expertise, enthusiasm for horticulture, gardening and community spirit.

*Sincerely,*

*Mike Bush, WSU Extension Educator*

*Kelly Kindlespire, President, Yakima Master Gardener Foundation*

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**Please Return This Form to (Ideally, by January 9<sup>th</sup>):**

WSU Extension, Yakima County  
104 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 204  
Yakima, WA 98901  
ATTN: Master Gardeners

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