



## Mandatory Master Gardener Apprenticeship Dates 2024-2025

Thank you for your interest in the CMG Program with Jefferson County Extension!

Please review the required apprenticeship dates below. We strive for an inclusive program schedule and notice of dates; however, some trainings are yet to be added and is important for applicants to review their availability/flexibility for training, education and volunteer hours. During the project season, gardening innately has times of day that are best for working outdoors, and our projects popularly schedule on week-day mornings or afternoons. For the instances that greater planning time is not given to plan for a required offering, our team will offer a couple of time and/or date options for folks to choose from. *The below list is accurate as of July 26, 2024.*

An apprenticeship year is a commitment of time, and is full of opportunity to learn the program, projects and community. Our staff, volunteers, and apprenticeship mentors are here to support you! We are excited for your interest and are available to answer questions at [cmg\\_admin@jeffco.us](mailto:cmg_admin@jeffco.us).

### Save the Dates

**Interviews:** You will sign up for a 20-minute in-person interview that will include a staff member and current Master Gardeners in Jefferson County. These interviews are to ensure this program is a good fit for you and you are aware of all the commitments it requires.

- Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm
- Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 12pm – 7pm
- Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm

**Initial Meet and Greet:** an event where you will meet your mentor for the program, CSU extension staff and other CMGs who have completed the program. You will get a detailed schedule and what to expect during the program

- Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (Time TBD)

**Labs:** All the labs coincide with what you are learning about in Green School. The labs are in person at the Jefferson County Extension Office. Each lab is offered at two different times and you are required to attend three labs during the season.

- Lab #1 (soils)
  - o Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> (6-7:30pm)
  - o Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> (9-10:30am)
- Lab #2 (trees, care and ID)
  - o Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> (6-7:30pm)
  - o Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> (9-10:30am)



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### Labs (Continued):

- Lab #3 (insects biology)
  - o Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> (6-7:30pm)
  - o Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> (9-10:30am)
  
- Lab #4 (Plant diagnostics)
  - o Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (6-7:30pm)
  - o Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> (9-10:30am)

**Spring Kick-off:** The spring kick-off is the official start of our volunteer and growing season! You will be able to meet many of the CMGs, tour of the on-site demonstration gardens and meet the mid-managers of the projects you can become involved with.

- Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (Time TBD)

**Trainings:** There will be other mandatory trainings scheduled for apprentices – there will be more than one date option for these. (Dates TBD)

**Project Season:** While there may be opportunities to volunteer and engage throughout the year, project season is at its height from April-October. You are required to log 50 hours of volunteering with the Master Gardener Apprentice Program in your first year, this will lessen in year 2 upon becoming a Colorado Master Gardener. Certain projects/ demonstration gardens are required to volunteer in to ensure training and shared experiences. Examples include:

- Help Desk
- Horticulture (Giving Farm) Demonstration Garden
- Plant Select Garden
- Information tables
- Other Demonstration Gardens
  - o Courage Garden, Orchard, Native Plains, Mountain Native, Low Flammability Gardens
- Electives – any other volunteer opportunity to complete your hours