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Apply Now For Fall Master Gardener Training Class

You can become a Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteer and make a difference in creating a healthy and sustainable environment in your community! Recognized experts in a wide range of disciplines including botany, hydrology, entomology, native and invasive plants, landscape design, pathology, pesticides and more, will train you through informative and hands-on classes. Applications to participant are due next month.

Virginia Master Gardener volunteers gain state certification through 50 hours of state-approved courses and a 50-hour internship. The Virginia Master Gardener program prepares volunteers to provide education, and outreach to the public about the latest in sustainable gardening practices.

Green Spring Master Gardeners have a special focus on EcoSavvy gardening. EcoSavvy gardening works with nature and the environment to create sustainable, healthy and beautiful gardens. Once certified, Master Gardeners must complete at least 20 hours of service and eight hours of continuing education annually to remain certified.

Green Spring Master Gardeners will be holding daytime training this fall, beginning September 15 through November 19, 2015 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria. (There will be no class on November 3, Election Day.) Applications are due Friday, August 14, 2015.

For more information and to complete an application, visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/gsg-mastergardeners.htm>.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.