



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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## Green Spring Master Gardeners at Your Service

For gardening questions this spring, look no further than Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria, Va.

Residents are always welcome to bring a photo or a plant sample to the horticulture center to be examined by a gardener on duty. Green Spring Master Gardeners will be located outside the horticulture center under a tent every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. now through September except on holiday weekends and on May 9.

Master Gardeners are specially trained to help answer all your gardening questions. They help staff the Horticulture Helpline at the Virginia Cooperative Extension office (703-324-8556) and maintain information booths at the county farmers markets.

For help identifying plants, residents should select a plant sample that includes flowers and a few leaves still on the stem. Photos should capture both elements. For help diagnosing a disease or insect problem, Master Gardeners recommend bringing in a sample from both a healthy and an affected plant or plant part. The diseased plant parts or insects must be placed in a separate, sealed plastic bag to avoid inadvertently spreading pests. Plant problems that cannot be identified will be sent to the Virginia Cooperative Extension agent. Samples can be kept fresh by storing them refrigerated with a damp paper towel in the bag for a day or two.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, Va. For more information about the Master Gardener program, visit Green Spring Gardens, Master Gardener Program (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/gsg-mastergardeners.htm>) or call the park at 703-642-5173.



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