



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
**New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station**

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Dear Master Gardener Applicant,

Thank you, for your interest in next year's Cumberland County Master Gardener program. Enclosed you will find an application for entry into the program. Please take your time filling out the application, be as complete as possible, and make sure you include as much pertinent information about yourself, your volunteer experience, and your vision of your role as a potential Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer as possible.

Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, starting Tuesday, January 27th, 2026, and continuing through May. ***Your attendance at all classes is mandatory.*** Classes will be a hybrid format, some being Online accessible through Canvas, and others in- person at 291 Morton Ave, Millville, NJ. Once the classes have been successfully completed, you will be required to volunteer back the 60 hours of class time in horticulturally related methods. At least 10 of these hours must be spent on a 'horticulture helpline', answering gardening questions from the public. If your current situation or schedule will not allow you to attend all classes and complete the 60 hours of volunteer time, please know that this program will be ongoing yearly, therefore you should reconsider applying when your schedule clears up in the future.

Applicant review will not begin until the first week of December.

Thank you again for your enthusiasm and interest in becoming a Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer!

Sincerely,

Kaylynn Hyson
Extension
Horticulturist

2026 ENROLLMENT APPLICATION
Rutgers Master Gardeners of Cumberland County

Enrollment is limited. Please return application no later than Monday, January 5, 2026
Please Print Clearly

Name _____

Nick Name, if applicable (ie Jim for James, for nametags) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer?

What type of volunteer projects would you like to get involved in as a Rutgers Master Gardener?

Briefly describe your interest, experience, and/or training in gardening/horticulture _____

What aspects of gardening would you like to learn more about? _____

Do you presently belong to a garden club/plant society/environmental group? If yes, please name:

Please list and describe your role in any organizations, such as Rotary, PTA, scouting, etc. that you may be affiliated with, and/or other past volunteer activity:

Are you a commercial horticulturist, landscaper, professional gardener, etc.? _____

Please list your occupation and any skills in non-horticultural areas (writing, computers, graphics, photography, etc.) that might be relevant to your volunteer activities:

Please indicate what days and times you would be available to volunteer:

Weekday Mornings _____ Weekday Afternoons _____ Weekends _____

Classes will be held Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from January through May. Afterwards, 20 hours of Helpline volunteer time will be scheduled on weekdays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Do you anticipate any circumstances (vacations, work commitments, etc.) that would keep you from attending all classes, fulfilling the minimum volunteer commitments, or participating in other volunteer activities? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, please explain _____

Upon acceptance into the Rutgers Master Gardener program, I understand that class attendance is expected, and agree to satisfactorily complete all training sessions, exams, and field trips. I understand that I am expected to volunteer 60 hours at Rutgers Cooperative Extension programs by November 1, to become certified as a Rutgers Master Gardener. I also understand that **upon acceptance**, I will submit a non-refundable fee of \$250.00, to be used toward program costs, including educational and laboratory materials. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY NOW.

Signature

Date

In an emergency, please notify:

Name _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Please note that class size is very limited, so it is required that this application is **received** at the address listed on the front page no later than January 5, 2026

Office Use: Date Rcvd _____ Accepted - Y N _____
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