NEED GARDEN ADVICE?

MASTER GARDENER RESIDENTIAL SITE VISITS

Do you need assistance identifying your property’s existing trees, shrubs or flowers? Would you like maintenance recommendations or new ideas to reinvigorate your landscape? A visit from the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension New Castle County Master Gardeners (MGs) may be your answer.

A team of MGs will come to your home to offer suggestions on pruning, curb appeal, pest management, additions to your garden, and more. At least two MGs will spend up to two hours on-site discussing your landscape and addressing the priorities you have identified in your application.

In order to achieve the most satisfactory results from your visit we recommend taking notes, pictures, and/or sketching during the visit. At the conclusion of the visit, the team will provide you with a folder containing numerous resources to help you in your endeavor. Recommendations are made in accordance with the policies of Delaware Cooperative Extension. The $100.00 registration fee helps to support MG educational initiatives and will be accepted when the site visit is completed. Please do not send payment in advance.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROGRAM

Limitations

- Properties must be private residences in New Castle County, Delaware.
- No on-going commitment is implied for services other than the service being offered.
- Delaware Cooperative Extension and MGs do not endorse any commercial horticultural service or brand.

Conditions

- By submitting your application you agree to permit the visiting MGs to photograph your property for use in educational and promotional materials. No photographs will be taken of any people or pets except by separate written consent.
- A MG volunteer will contact you as soon as possible to discuss your application and to schedule a mutually acceptable time for the home visit. The ability to provide a visiting team is subject to the availability of volunteers for your preferred date(s) and time(s).
- Each visiting team will have a minimum of two MG volunteers.
- The visiting team will spend up to two hours at your property to view your property and make recommendations based on your priorities.
GARDEN ADVICE PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME__________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_____________________________________________________________________________________________

DEVELOPMENT (if applicable)_______________________________________________________________________________

PHONE  Day___________________ Evening ________________________

EMAIL__________________________________________________________

PLEASE ADD ME TO MG MAILING LIST ___Yes  ____No

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

___Library  ___Garden Center  ___Direct Mail  ___Newspaper  ___Master Gardener Booth

___Friend/Neighbor  ___Other

VISIT TIME AVAILABILITY • VISIT MAY LAST UP TO TWO HOURS (Check all that apply)

___Weekdays  ___Saturdays  ___Mornings  ___Afternoons  ___Evenings

ARE YOU ___a novice gardener ___a moderately experienced gardener ___an experienced gardener

PROPERTY TYPE                        PROPERTY SIZE

___ Urban  ___Suburban  ___Rural  ___< than ¼ acre  ___¼ to 1 acre  ___> 1 acre

DOES YOUR DEVELOPMENT HAVE LANDSCAPE DEED RESTRICTIONS?  ___Yes  ___No  ___N/A

AGE OF HOME ___<1 year  ___1 to 5 years  ___6 to 10 years  ___>10 years

AGE OF EXISTING LANDSCAPE (If mixed, check all that apply)

___New  ___1 to 5 years  ___6 to 10 years  ___>10 years  ___Don’t know

CURB APPEAL (foundation and landscape planting in scale and provide attractive appearance to the house)

___Satisfactory  ___Needs improvement

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ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS (If mixed, check all that apply)

LIGHT  ___Full sun  ___Part shade  ___Full shade

SOIL  ___Clay  ___Loam  ___Sand  ___Don’t Know

MOISTURE LEVEL  ___Dry  ___Moist  ___Wet  ___Don’t Know

HAVE YOU HAD A UD SOIL TEST?  ____Yes  ____No  If Yes, when? _______________(MM/YYYY)

MAINTENANCE (Check all that apply)

Lawn  Shrubs  Trees  Perennials

By Owner  ____  ____  ____  ____

By Professional  ____  ____  ____  ____

HOMEOWNER’S PRIORITIES FOR THIS VISIT

Please describe your priorities for the landscaping and/or gardening problems that you would like the visiting team to address.

1. ____________________________________________________________________________________
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3. ____________________________________________________________________________________
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ADDITIONAL SITE CHARACTERISTICS
Please list additional site characteristics we should consider prior to visit (i.e. slopes, hills, eroding areas, underground wires/pipes, critter damage- deer, rabbits, groundhogs, etc., excessive moisture)

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I am interested in (please check all that apply):

- native plants
- butterfly gardening
- composting

- attracting wildlife
- views from the inside of my house
- growing vegetables, fruit, herbs

Other:

I would like additional information on (please check all that apply):

- composting
- pruning
- rainwater harvesting
- growing vegetables, fruit, herbs

- sustainable gardening
- lawns
- rain gardens

Other:

Send completed form by:
- email to Carrie Murphy, cjmurphy@udel.edu
- mail to UD Cooperative Extension, Garden Advice Program, 461 Wyoming Road, Room 131, Newark, Delaware 19716
- fax (302) 831-8934