



Delaware Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Educator Training Application, New Castle County, Fall 2023

The 2023 Delaware Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Training Program is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00am- 12:30pm from Wednesday, September 6 through Monday, November 20. On Wednesday, September 6, our first training session in New Castle County, we will meet from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This year's training will be hybrid with sessions offered in person and via Zoom. Training sessions will require travel to the County Office and other locations to learn with your fellow trainees in Kent and Sussex Counties.

As a member of the 2023 Delaware Master Gardener Training Program, you are expected to complete the course of study, volunteer 40 hours, and gain an additional 5 hours of advanced training by November 1, 2024, to become a Master Gardener.

An application will not be accepted if it is received after Friday, May 26, 2023. The training fee, if you are accepted into the training class, is \$150.00. Selected applicants will be notified by the County Coordinator and will be required to confirm their acceptance, pay the training fee, and successfully complete a University of Delaware background check by Friday, June 30, 2023 to enroll in the training. All background checks not completed by June 30 will eliminate the candidate from consideration. Applicants will be notified by Friday, July 21, 2023 (by telephone, if possible) whether they will be seated for the class of 2023.

All applicants are encouraged to attend an open house session which will likely be offered via Zoom in June, 2023. Additional details will be provided to the applicants at the beginning of June. If you are unable to attend this open house session please notify your County Coordinator, Carrie Murphy at (302) 831-1426 or cjmurphy@udel.edu to make alternate arrangements.

Please complete the online application form. Electronic submission is preferred but if a paper copy of the application form is needed please contact the County Coordinator.