

## **“Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” Training Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services**

### **Advanced Training Program Purpose and information:**

The “Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” program is designed to provide advanced training and resources whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designated educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services.

To become a certified “Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management”, Master Gardeners are required to attend the “Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” training and subsequently meet service requirements described below. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within her/his local county programs.

“Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” training will be comprised of high-quality training including basic hobby materials, supplies and equipment; hoop houses; potting techniques and fertilization; with a visit to commercial greenhouse(s).

### **Participation requirements:**

To be eligible for the “Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification, or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Master Gardener applicants must be approved by their local County Extension Agent.

### **Position Description and Service Requirements:**

The “Advanced Master Gardener – Greenhouse Management” is charged to increase awareness, provide training in greenhouse management and facilitate implementation of such on a home/neighborhood/community level. Training activities during the course will empower the Master Gardener to complete these serviced requirements.

Service requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Attending the “Advanced Greenhouse Management” training
- Volunteering 20 hours above and beyond the county’s current volunteer obligation within one year of advanced training
- Serving as a local “Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” resource in the Extension program
- Assisting in educating Master Gardeners, interns, and the public in greenhouse management
- Increasing client awareness of greenhouse management through presentations, training, and mass media efforts (i.e. radio, newspaper, social media, television, and newsletters)
- Submitting a completed “Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” Training Volunteer Report Form as directed
- Optional: Submitting TMGA reimbursement paperwork

### **Advanced Training recognition and certification:**

Upon completion of the “Advanced Master Gardener - Greenhouse Management” service requirements, the Master Gardener will be awarded an “Advanced Master Gardener – Greenhouse Management” certificate and lapel pin.

**Resources available to the “Advanced Master Gardener – Greenhouse Management:**

- Advanced training on greenhouse management and networking with presenters
- Educational materials on greenhouse management
- Direct access to the Texas A&M Extension Services County Extension Agent - Horticulture