

“Advanced Master Gardener - Junior Master Gardener (JMG®)” Training Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services

Advanced Training Program Purpose and information:

The “Advanced Master Gardener - JMG®” 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 - JMG®”, trainees are required to attend the “Advanced Master Gardener - JMG®” 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.

Participation requirements:

To be eligible for the “Advanced Master Gardener - JMG®” 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 - JMG®” is charged to increase awareness, provide JMG® training, and facilitate the implementation of the Junior Master Gardener program on a home/neighborhood/community level. Training activities during the course will empower the Master Gardener to complete these service requirements.

Service requirements include, but are not limited to:

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

Advanced Training recognition and certification:

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

Resources available to the “Advanced Master Gardener - JMG®”:

- JMG® advanced training and networking with presenters
- Educational materials on JMG® program
- Direct access to the Texas A&M Extension Services Program Specialist - JMG®