



**Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist
February 8-10, 2017
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Dallas County, Dallas, Texas 75229**

Specialist Program Purpose:

To provide advanced training whereby Master Gardeners can obtain specialization in areas that support or expand designed programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist:

In an effort to provide training, the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist Program was created as a hands-on, intensive multi-day training that will empower you with knowledge and skills required to effectively support and multiply Texas A&M AgriLife Extension efforts in educational programs.

Master Gardeners who fulfill specified training and volunteer requirements will be recognized as a Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist. This certification does not empower the individual with supervisory or administrative authority within his/her local county programs.

Participation Requirements:

To be eligible for the Vegetable Specialist training, an individual must possess an up-to-date Master Gardener certification or be an employee of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Your application must be approved by your local County Extension Agent.

Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist:

The Vegetable Specialist program is designed to train and certify Master Gardeners to become part of a state corps of volunteer experts and educators. To become a certified Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist, you are required to attend the Vegetable Specialist training to fulfill training requirements and subsequently meet service requirements described below. Training activities during the course will empower you to complete these service requirements.



Time Commitment:

You are required to serve a minimum of one year as a Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist providing a minimum of 20 hours of service.

Training and Service Requirements:

- Attend the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist training
- Serve as a local Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist resource
- Assist with Vegetable Specialist training for Master Gardeners and trainees
- Conduct community/youth vegetable education programs
- Increase clientele knowledge about Vegetable Specialist through: presentation, workshops and mass media efforts (i.e. radio, newspaper, television, newsletters)

Specialist Recognition and Certification:

Upon completion of the Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist service requirements, the you will be formally recognized at the annual Texas Master Gardener Conference, at which time you will be awarded a Master Gardener Specialist Certificate and lapel pin.

Resources Available to Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist:

Direct access to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Extension Agent – Horticulture Free Soil Test coupon.

- Choice of 3 of 5 vegetable books
- Jump drive with over 1200 files including power points from training
- Pocket loupe for insect ID

If you need any special accommodations, please contact Steve Hudkins at 214-904-3050 by January 31, 2017 so we can consider your request.



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
 Dallas County, Dallas, Texas
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Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Chapter: _____ County: _____

Required MG Coordinator/Agent Signature: _____

PLEASE ASK YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT TO FAX REGISTRATION FORM TO 214-904-3080 To insure meeting the deadline.

Registration fee: \$ 235.00

(Includes dinner (1) (Monday Night), lunch (2), snacks, drinks, equipment, jump drive and resource materials distributed during course).

Spouse would like to attend Monday night dinner: **\$20.00** \$ _____

Vegetable Specialist denim Shirt for and additional **\$32.00** \$ _____

Vegetable Specialist Baseball Cap **\$ 9.00** \$ _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

If you have any **special dietary needs**, please contact Steve Hudkins at 214-904-3050 by January 31, 2017

Please check:

Shirt Size: Ladies _____ Men _____ Short Sleeve _____ Long Sleeve _____

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

- Transportation and lodging are on your own.
- Course is limited to the first 50 applicants to send check and application.
- **A maximum of 4 Master Gardeners from each county.**
- **After the deadline registration will be reopened if enrollment is not reached**

Deadline: January 27, 2017

We must order supplies in advance so there will be **no refunds after February 3, 2017**

Mail check made payable to:

(Horticulture Committee) along with the registration form to:

Vegetable Specialist Course

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

10056 Marsh Lane, Suite B-101

Dallas, TX 75229

For more information Contact:

Steve Hudkins: (Stephen.hudkins@ag.tamu.edu) - 214-904-3050

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Master Gardener Vegetable Specialist course will include high quality training combined with hands-on experience.

Course Location:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
10056 Marsh Lane, Ste. B-101
Phone: (214) 904-3050 or (Cell) 214-952-0519

Accommodations:

- Transportation to Dallas will be on your own.

Cost:

Registration fee of **\$235.00** per person includes:

- 2 Lunches, 1 dinner, snacks and drinks
- Vegetable Specialist training
- Direct access to Texas AgriLife Extension Service County Extension Agent – Horticulture
- Free Soil Test coupon
- Choice of 3 of 5 vegetable books
- Jump drive with over 1200 files including power point presentations from training
- Pocket loupe for insect ID
- All required materials and supplies

***Denim Vegetable Specialist shirt available for additional \$32.00. Please select size on registration form and add \$32.00 to your payment.

***Vegetable Specialist Baseball Cap available for an additional \$9.00 (add to total)

DRESS: Dress casually, wear comfortable closed toe shoes and bring insect repellent. For more information, contact Steve Hudkins, Extension Horticulturist, 214-904-3050 or Stephen.hudkins@ag.tamu.edu

Agenda

Wednesday-February 8

1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions:

Stephen Hudkins, CEA Dallas County, and
Steve Chaney, CEA Tarrant County

1:30 p.m. Factors to consider when planning a garden

Location - Site selection
Soil Type-Soil properties
Water availability
How much produce do you need- yield expectations
Row vs. Raised Bed

2:00 p.m. Row Garden Soil Preparation

Soil Test-Yes or No and Why
The lasagna approach
Mulch vs. compost

2:15 p.m. Raised Beds*

Construction materials
Soil materials
Size
Cost

3:00 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Watering and Irrigation

Drip Irrigation
Rain Barrels

*Combination of classroom and field trip

5:00 p.m. End of Session

6:00 p.m. Dinner (*Included with registration*)

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Thursday-February 9

- 8:00 a.m.** **Assemble-Coffee**
- 8:30 a.m.** **Planting Guides**
 Spring vs. Fall
- 9:00 a.m.** **Vegetable Problem Solvers**
 Tomatoes
 Peppers
- 10:30 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:45 a.m.** **Problem Solver Continued**
 Cucurbits
 Mellon
 Greens, onions, carrots, etc.
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch** (*Included with Registration*)
- 1:00 p.m.** **Container and Patio Gardening**
- 2:00 p.m.** **Herbs**
- 3:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:15 p.m.** **Greenhouse Management**
- 5:00 p.m.** **Session Ends**
- 6:00-7:00 p.m.** **Dinner** (*On your own*)

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Friday-February 10

- 8:00 a.m.** **Organic or IPM**
 Pest Management
- 9:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:00 a.m.** **Weed Control**
- 11:30 a.m.** **Question and Answer**
- 12:00 p.m.** **Program Ends**

INSTRUCTORS:

Mr. Steve Chaney, CEA/Horticulture, Tarrant County
Mr. Steve Hudkins, CEA/Horticulture, Dallas County
Ms. Laura Miller, CEA/Horticulture, Tarrant County
Ms. Janet Laminack, CEA/Horticulture, Denton County
Mr. Jeff Raska, Horticulture Program Assistant, Dallas County