

Our Mission

Guilford County EMGVs are paraprofessional volunteer educators who learn research-based Best Management Practices related to urban horticulture, and work together to share that information with the public.



Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is September 30. Classes begin the following January. We accept applications throughout the year, contacting all applicants in the fall for an interview.

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Your Path Begins Here.



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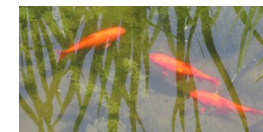
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Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program



Guilford County EMGV Program Requirements At-A-Glance



Become An Extension Master Gardener Volunteer!

The Extension Master Gardener Volunteer (EMGV) Program was established in the 1980's and is taught annually by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in Guilford County. This educational and service program is designed to enhance public education in consumer horticulture through outreach programs such as:

Horticulture Infoline
Gardening Gala and Seminar
Speaker's Bureau
Demonstration Garden
Community Garden
Youth Outreach
Public Events



EMG volunteers take calls on Infoline from Guilford County residents, sharing accurate horticulture information and helping home gardeners learn to take better care of their lawns and gardens.



“Empowering People, Providing Solutions.”

Our volunteers talk with thousands of Guilford County residents each year, sharing researched-based horticulture information and helping home gardeners learn to take better care of their lawns and gardens. While working on program activities, EMGVs develop friendships that can last a lifetime while having a positive impact on Guilford County's residents and its environment. The EMGV Program also offers opportunities for involvement on internal committees.



Requirements First Year

During the first calendar year, volunteers, called interns, are required to complete the EMGV course. This training consists of 45 hours of classroom-based education covering a range of horticulture topics, from simple botany through integrated pest management (IPM) and basic landscape design principles, lawn care, vegetable gardening, and more. Classes are every Wednesday morning beginning in January and continuing through the end of April. In addition, interns are required to provide 50 hours of volunteer service in Guilford County.

Mentor Intern Pairing

Each new intern is paired with a veteran EMGV Mentor to serve as a guide during the first year. Your Mentor will attend some classes with you, and will be by your side during your first two shifts volunteering on the Infoline. You'll always be able to turn to your Mentor or the Volunteer Coordinator for support and answers to your questions about the program.

Following Years

EMGVs are required to complete 10 hours of approved continuing education/advanced training, and 30 hours of volunteer services in approved EMGV programs annually.