



THOMPSON SHUSWAP MASTER GARDENERS

are a chapter of the non-profit Master Gardeners Association of BC

COME GROW WITH US!

The THOMPSON SHUSWAP MASTER GARDENERS are now accepting applications for its 12-week 2024 Basic Training (January-March, 2024)

APPLY TODAY!

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MASTER GARDENERS deal with all aspects of gardening including basic plant physiology, soil improvement, pest management, and information on local growing environments. We aim to share the most current scientific information on local pests and diseases, and the use of environmentally-friendly solutions to plant problems.

MASTER GARDENERS ARE VOLUNTEER educators who participate in clinics at local garden centres, public garden events including farmers' markets, fall fairs, seedy Saturdays. In addition to clinics, Master Gardeners assist with plant sales, lead garden tours, provide presentations for community groups as well as research and write articles for newsletters, websites, social media, pamphlets and brochures. They lead and/or participate in Citizen Science research projects as well as implement or assist with school and community group projects.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A MASTER GARDENER?

- Be a keen gardener, willing to share knowledge and enthusiasm with the gardening public.
- Attend an information session and complete an informal quiz on basic gardening knowledge.
- Complete Basic Training (approx. 70 hours).
- After completing Basic Training participants transition to Master Gardeners-in-Training and complete 65 volunteer hours over a two-year period.

BASIC TRAINING

- Instruction delivered virtually/in-person, **January 6 to March 30, 2024**
 - Lectures will be delivered virtually via Zoom on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.**
 - Workshops will be held on **Saturdays from 10 am to 12:30 pm.**
 - **4 in-person classes** in Kamloops and **8 virtual classes** via Zoom.
- Cost: **\$795** (\$695 for participants who opt for a digital copy of the Basic Training manual).
- Curriculum is delivered by university instructors, ministry specialists, growers and other experienced professionals. The course covers sustainable urban gardening concepts and techniques that have practical application to the Thompson Shuswap region of BC.



BASIC TRAINING TOPICS

Botany	Plant Nomenclature and ID	Soil & Amendments
Plant Nutrition & Fertilizers	Vegetable Gardening	Tree Fruits
Berries & Grapes	Native Plants	Herbaceous & Woody Landscape Plants
Basic Entomology	Insect & Vertebrate Pest Management	Plant Pathology
Plant Problem Diagnosis	Plant Health Care & IPM	Pruning Principles
Plant Propagation	Composting	Fire-Smart Landscaping
Waterwise Landscaping	Invasive Species	Pollinators