

Why be a San Miguel/Mora Extension Master Gardener?

The New Mexico State University Extension Master Gardener Program begins with a comprehensive basic course of internet study weekly from January through May. This prepares participants to garden and grow in the complex climate and environment of New Mexico. Participants will learn the most recent science-based, research driven methods for success as a home grower/gardener in New Mexico. The course is user-friendly with support from your local chapter of Master Gardeners.

The mission of Master Gardener is to educate the community in best gardening practices. Master Gardeners volunteer 20 hours a year to improve their community through community projects and answer questions for home gardeners. Master Gardeners must complete 10 hours of Continuing Education yearly which is provided by the chapter and other resources to keep them up to date with current research based garden practices.

San Miguel/Mora Master Gardeners meet monthly or bi-monthly depending on the season with continuing education provided at regular meetings. This provides local gardeners with an opportunity to learn from each other, meet other gardeners, and build a local gardening community. We hope you will join us!

General Information for Applicants

The training program will begin in mid-January and will consist of 15 weeks of core topics plus electives and hands-on workshops.

The training program follows a statewide standard curriculum and schedule of core classes. Each topic is addressed by a video presentation by a specialist and supplemented with online references and reading material that can be accessed by interns at any time during the week of a scheduled class. A weekly live online Q&A session provides the opportunity for interns to interact with specialists. Short weekly quizzes can be taken online at any time during the week following a core topic presentation.

Applicants are expected to meet the following requirements:

1. Possess adequate computer and Internet connectivity to access core classes consisting of video presentations, supplemental online reference material, and weekly live online Q&A sessions with specialists.
2. Attend an online orientation program before the start of core classes.

3. Pass weekly quizzes on core topics.
4. Participate in weekly Zoom meetings.
5. Commit to 20 hours of annual volunteer activities in San Miguel or Mora Counties, including 10 hours of community outreach (Helpline, Information Tables, Home Visits) for certification as a Master Gardener.
6. Pay class fee of \$150 at the time of application submittal.
7. Class size is limited. Acceptance of applications is based on date of application and receipt of fee.

Applicants will be contacted by phone or email after receipt of application. Details of class schedules will be provided to applicants by email as they become available.