



The Purdue Master Gardener Program provides a learning framework for participants to increase their horticultural knowledge on a wide variety of subjects. In turn, participants share knowledge and provide leadership in educational gardening activities within their communities.

This is a snapshot of the impact the Purdue Master Gardener program had in 2017.

2017 By the Numbers

In 2017, the 2,667 active Purdue Master Gardener volunteers reported:

39,302
education
hours

172,753
volunteer hours
valued at
\$4.0 million

1,357,434
educational
contacts

Improving Communities, Expanding Opportunities, Fostering Sustainability


Here are some of the ways the Purdue Master Gardener Program impacts Indiana communities.

- Purdue Master Gardeners throughout Indiana donated 56,366 pounds of produce from educational demonstration gardens to local food banks to help fight food insecurity.
- Projects in Lake, Tippecanoe, Greene, and Marion counties aim to increase fruit and vegetable availability to food pantries and other service agencies that serve clients who are eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Volunteers committed to planting, maintaining, harvesting, and supporting the nearly 30 partner organizations. These efforts are part of a North Central Extension multistate effort. The Purdue Health and Human Sciences Extension SNAP-Ed program provides free nutrition-based education to youth and adults through community-based institutions and organizations.
- Purdue Master Gardener associations awarded \$33,250 in college scholarships to students studying horticulture, agriculture, and related majors.
- Purdue Master Gardeners reported several changes in gardening practices, including:
 - Using more pollinator plants and practices to protect pollinators
 - Removing and replacing invasive plant species that threaten native and desirable plant and animal populations and habitats
 - Following environmentally sound pesticide and fertilizer practices that protect natural resources

Find Out More

To learn more about the Purdue Master Gardener Program's impact, please contact the state coordinator or visit us online.

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