

# 2025 Gardening in Montana Course Schedule

Date	Class Topics	Speaker	Assignment
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Feb 5</b>	Introduction of Class Members Introduction of Master Gardener & Gardening in Montana Program Gardening in Western Montana Climates	Sarah Holden MSU Extension Missoula County	Bring \$50 if you wish to purchase the Master Gardener Manual
<b>Week 2</b> <b>Feb 12</b>	Plant Science and Botany Basics Plant Propagation Lab	Sarah Holden MSU Extension, Missoula Molly Anton, Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension: Rocky Mountain Gardens	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
<b>Week 3</b> <b>Feb 19</b>	Composting <i>Garden City Compost</i> <i>DAYTIME TOUR</i>	Sarah Holden MSU Extension Missoula Jason Duffin Garden City Compost	Ch. 13 Pick a veg/herb to present on
<b>Week 4</b> <b>Feb 26</b>	Soil Health, Fertility, and Nutrients Soil Structure Lab	Bryan Vogt Missoula Conservation District	Ch. 3 Bring quart mason jar full of your garden soil
<b>Week 5</b> <b>March 5</b>	Vegetables & Herbs	Emily Kern Garden City Harvest	Ch. 4
<b>Week 6</b> <b>March 12</b>	Fruit and Berry Production	Helen Atthowe	Ch. 8
<b>March 19</b>	SPRING BREAK	NO CLASS	
<b>Week 7</b> <b>March 26</b>	Herbaceous Ornamentals Landscape Design	Sarah Holden MSU Extension, Missoula Molly Sutton Sutton Garden Design	Ch. 5 Ch. 9
<b>Week 8</b> <b>April 2</b>	Flowering Lawn for Pollinators Rewild you Lawn  Native Plants/Weeds	Marirose Kuhlman Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension Steffany Rogge Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension	Ch. 11  Ch. 12
<b>Week 9</b> <b>April 9</b>	Woody Ornamentals (Trees & Shrubs): Planting, Maintenance, and Pruning	Sam Strickland All Things Green	Ch. 7  Ch. 10
<b>Week 10</b> <b>April 16</b>	Irrigation Basics Tools & Equipment Build out an irrigation design plan	Sarah Holden MSU Extension Missoula Loni Waters Garden City Florascaping	Ch. 14 Plan for designing your landscape
<b>Week 11</b> <b>April 23</b>	Integrated Pest Management Pest Diagnostics Lab	Sandy Perrin Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension	Ch. 15 Ch. 16
<b>Week 12</b> <b>April 30</b>	FOR MASTER GARDENERS ONLY Hand out Exam – Return in 2 weeks Potluck and Plant/Seed Swap	Review for EXAM	Bring a Potluck dish & PLANTS/SEEDS to share