

# 2025 MASTER GARDENER Course Schedule

Date	Class Topics	Speaker	Assignment
<b>Week 1</b> Feb 5	Introduction of Class Members Introduction of Master Gardener & Gardening in Montana Program Gardening in Western Montana Climates	Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula County Horticulture Agent</i>	Bring you Master Gardener Manual
<b>Week 2</b> Feb 12	Plant Science and Botany Basics Plant Propagation Lab	Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension, Missoula</i> Molly Anton, <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology &amp; Extension: Rocky Mountain Gardens</i>	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
<b>Week 3</b> Feb 19	Composting <i>Garden City Compost</i> DAYTIME TOUR 1pm	Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i> Jason Duffin <i>Garden City Compost</i>	Ch. 13 Pick a veg/herb to present on
<b>Week 4</b> Feb 26	Soil Health, Fertility, and Nutrients Soil Structure Lab	Bryan Vogt <i>Missoula Conservation District</i>	Ch. 3 Bring quart mason jar full of your garden soil
<b>Week 5</b> March 5	Vegetables & Herbs Presentations	Master Gardener students Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i>	Ch. 4
<b>Week 6</b> March 12	Irrigation Basics Build out an irrigation design	Loni Waters <i>Garden City Florascaping</i> Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i>	Ch. 14 Plan for designing your landscape
<b>March 19</b>	SPRING BREAK	NO CLASS	
<b>Week 7</b> March 26	Woody Ornamentals (Trees & Shrubs): Planting, Maintenance, and Pruning	Sam Strickland <i>All Things Green</i> Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i>	Ch. 7 Ch. 10
<b>Week 8</b> April 2	Flowering Lawn for Pollinators <i>Rewild you Lawn</i> Integrated Pest Management	Marirose Kuhlman <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology &amp; Extension</i> Abiya Saeed <i>MSU Extension Horticulture Associate Specialist</i>	Ch. 11 Ch. 16
<b>Week 9</b> April 9	Herbaceous Ornamentals Landscape Design	Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i> Molly Sutton <i>Sutton Garden Design</i>	Ch. 5 Ch. 9
<b>Week 10</b> April 16	Fruit and Berry Production <i>*April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm Green Bench Orchard</i>	Helen Atthowe Horticulturist Fred Stuart Green Bench Orchard	Ch. 8
<b>Week 11</b> April 23	Weeds & Wildlife Tools & Supplies Pest Diagnostics Lab	Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i> Sandy Perrin <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology &amp; Extension</i>	Ch. 12 Ch. 15 Ch. 16
<b>Week 12</b> April 30	Hand out Exam – Return in 2 weeks Potluck and Plant/Seed Swap	Catch up on topics needing more clarification! Lawns, Veggies, oh my! Review for EXAM	Bring a Potluck dish & PLANTS/SEEDS to share