

2025 Gardening in Montana Course Schedule

Date	Class Topics	Speaker	Assignment
Week 1 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 \$50 if you wish to purchase the Master Gardener Manual
Week 2 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 & Extension: Rocky Mountain Gardens</i>	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
Week 3 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
Week 4 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
Week 5 March 5	Vegetables & Herbs Presentations <i>Garden City Harvest DAYTIME TOUR</i>	Master Gardener students Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i>	Ch. 4
Week 6 March 12	Irrigation Basics Build out an irrigation design Tools & Equipment	Loni Waters <i>Garden City Florascaping</i> Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i>	Ch. 14 Plan for designing your landscape
March 19	SPRING BREAK	NO CLASS	
Week 7 March 26	Herbaceous Ornamentals Landscape Design	Sarah Holden <i>MSU Extension Missoula</i> Molly Sutton <i>Sutton Garden Design</i>	Ch. 5 Ch. 9
Week 8 April 2	Flowering Lawn for Pollinators <i>Rewild you Lawn</i> Integrated Pest Management	Marirose Kuhlman <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension</i> Abiya Saeed <i>MSU Extension Horticulture Associate Specialist</i>	Ch. 11 Ch. 16
Week 9 April 9	Woody Ornamentals (Trees & Shrubs): Planting, Maintenance, and Pruning	Sam Strickland <i>All Things Green</i>	Ch. 7 Ch. 10
Week 10 April 16	Fruit and Berry Production	Helen Atthowe	Ch. 8
Week 11 April 23	Native Plants/Weeds Pest Diagnostics Lab	Steffany Rogge Sandy Perrin <i>Missoula County Dept of Ecology & Extension</i>	Ch. 12 Ch. 15 Ch. 16
Week 12 April 30	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