

## **CLASSES**

- Botany & Plant Physiology
- Plant ID & Commercial Operations
- Soils and Fertilizers
- Integrated Pest Management
- Roses
- Lawn & Turf Care
- Plant Propagation
- Tree Selection & Care
- Composting
- Citrus & Avocado
- California Natives & Xeriscaping
- Edibles & Seed Exchange
- Irrigation & Water Management
- Booth Duty
- Pruning
- Backyard Orchard Culture
- Landscape Design & Maintenance
- Final test



**The Orange County  
Independent  
Master Gardeners  
Learn & Share  
Program**

ORANGE COUNTY INDEPENDENT  
**MASTER GARDENER TRAINING  
PROGRAM:**

The Orange County Independent Master Gardeners (OCIMG) is a non-profit corporation (Orange County Master Gardeners, Inc.) which follows the guidelines of the national Master Gardener program. Master Gardeners are people with a keen interest in gardening and an ability to work with other volunteers and the general public. Our training classes are held annually. We are not associated with the University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener program.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** The class training fee (*currently \$140 per person*) includes the 700-page California Master Gardener Handbook. While the class fee is due by start of class, be aware that early registration is encouraged.

OCIMG classes are limited. We regularly fill our classes. Reservations for classes are allocated in the order the financial commitments are received. Once the next class is filled, you will be placed on the waiting list. Our nominal fee reserves your place in class, covers the cost of the textbook and other auxiliary costs.

**LEARN:** The training classes cover topics such as basic botany, soils, pest management and plant pathology, native plants, trees, vegetables, propagation, fruits, annuals and perennials. The classes are held Saturday (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a couple of classes extending possibly until 3:00 p.m.).

The program enjoys an excellent reputation due to the quality of the training, knowledgeable instructors, and lively discussions on topics. The lecturers are horticulture professors, Master Gardeners, and leaders in the nursery-landscape business.

Upon graduation, the class joins other OCIMG members to continue learning and sharing with a group of stimulating and skilled individuals dedicated to horticulture education and practices.

[www.ocmastergardeners.org](http://www.ocmastergardeners.org)

**SHARE:** Master Gardeners volunteer hours by helping others learn about gardening and the landscape environment. Master Gardeners are required to volunteer 50 hours the first year following their training class. Later, the requirement is 25 hours of volunteer work and 15 hours of continuing education per year to maintain/improve skills.

Volunteer hours in approved venues have ranged from helping create school gardens, guiding tours at the Fullerton Arboretum, acting as a docent at the Helen Modjeska Historic House and Gardens, and teaching workshops at the Braille Institute. Master Gardeners are popular speakers for groups who seek accurate and specific horticultural information. Plant Specialists at the Arboretum potting shed and the OCIMG plant clinics allow Master Gardeners to answer individual gardener's questions and help solve problems.

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