

UF/IFAS Extension  
Polk County

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Dear Prospective Master Gardener,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension Polk County Master Gardener Program. Master Gardeners are a vital part of the horticulture program the Extension Service and the information in this application will tell you a little bit more about the roles and responsibilities of a Master Gardener volunteer, the history of Extension and the Polk County program.

The next UF/IFAS Extension Polk County Master Gardener training program is scheduled to begin on January 5, 2017. It will run twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. through March 2, 2017. Applications for prospective trainees must be submitted to the UF/IFAS Extension Polk County office (1702 US Hwy 17 S, Bartow or email [anneanne@ufl.edu](mailto:anneanne@ufl.edu)) before 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2016. Applicants will be notified by November 4, 2016 if they have been selected for an interview. In order for you to be considered for this program you must:

- Read the attached information and complete the application, the Record of Volunteer Service and the Volunteer Agreement. Return all completed forms to the UF/IFAS Extension Polk County office (1702 US Hwy 17 S, Bartow or email [anneanne@ufl.edu](mailto:anneanne@ufl.edu)) before 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2016.
- Attend an interview. If you are selected, we will contact you by November 4, 2016 to schedule your interview.
- Pay the training fee of \$150 with your application. If you are not selected for the training, your training fee will be returned to you via mail. Please make checks out to the Polk County Master Gardeners. The fee will cover all materials for the training.

If you have any questions please contact me at (863) 519-1047 or [anneanne@ufl.edu](mailto:anneanne@ufl.edu). Thank you for your interest in the UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener program.

Sincerely,

Anne Yasalonis  
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Master Gardener Coordinator