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### **Become a Master Gardener**

Calling all gardeners! This September the Meadowlark District will resume our Extension Master Gardener (EMG) program. If you love to garden, or if you have never gardened but always wanted to, this is the program for you.

The Extension Master Gardener program, or EMG, is a staple of K-State Research and Extension. The program offers extensive horticulture training on topics ranging from lawn care and to soil fertility, to common plant diseases. These topics are supplemented with hands-on gardening practice and volunteer work. Beyond the learning experiences, EMG programs actively work to embed themselves in their communities and create collaborative and welcoming environments.

The EMG training runs from September through November with a total of 40 hours of training. Each session is taught by different specialists from K-State who share their expertise with our groups. All trainings are recorded and posted online for those who cannot participate in real time. After training, all Master Gardeners complete 40 hours of volunteer work, focusing on educating and inspiring others in their community.

You can email [lauraphillips@ksu.edu](mailto:lauraphillips@ksu.edu) or call any of our offices to learn more about the program or sign up.