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GREENE COUNTY, TN.

Community Spotlight

Big Spring Master Gardener Association 2027 Intern Recruitment

Love gardening and want to give back to your community? **The Big Spring Master Gardener Association is recruiting interns for its 2027 Master Gardener Training Program!** This 13-week training prepares participants to become Tennessee Extension Master Gardeners through research-based gardening education and volunteer service. Training meets Tuesdays, February 2–April 27, 2027. The one-time training fee is \$200.



**BECOME A
TENNESSEE
EXTENSION
MASTER
GARDENER**

2027 INTERN TRAINING

Learn about gardening, connect with fellow plant enthusiasts, and give back to your community through research-based education and volunteer service.

13-week intern training:
Tuesdays
February 2–April 27, 2027

**\$200
One-Time
Training Fee**

Pick up an application at the
Greene County Extension Office

**APPLICATIONS
DEADLINE
DECEMBER 1, 2026**

303 Takoma Ave.
Greeneville, TN 37743

For More Information:
(423) 798-1710
greene.tennessee.edu/join-bsmga/
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MASTER GARDENER
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How to Apply: Applications must be picked up in person at the UT/TSU Extension Greene County office, 303 Takoma Ave., Greeneville, TN 37743. Applications are due December 1, 2026. **Applicants will be contacted to arrange a brief conversation or meeting to discuss their interests and the program's expectations. Learn more at greene.tennessee.edu/bsmga or call (423) 798-1710.**



From Anna's Desk

Make sure to check out greene.tennessee.edu/horticulture for Greene County specific horticulture resources! Use the topic tabs to find information specific to your growing needs.

— Anna Parsons, ANR Extension Agent I

October at a Glance

This section will highlight upcoming programs, events, and workshops happening throughout the month. Be sure to check here regularly for important dates, registration details, and opportunities to connect with UT Extension Greene Co. Stay Tuned!

Quick Tools

2026 UT Extension Fruit and Veggie Calendar: [HERE>](#)

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Plant of the Month

Solidago spp. –Goldenrod

- Bright yellow flowers in late summer and fall.
- Pollinator support.
- Thrive in full sun and well-drained soil.
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| In the Garden This Month

October in the Garden

October is the time to finish harvesting summer crops, care for fall vegetables, and prepare garden soil for winter.

- Continue harvesting remaining warm-season crops and early cool-season vegetables.
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- Monitor soil moisture and manage pests as the garden transitions into cooler weather. Reduce watering as temperatures drop, but keep fall crops adequately watered.

- Plant or transplant quick-maturing cool-season crops for a late fall harvest.
- Seed cover crops to protect and improve garden soil.
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- Take soil samples and apply lime or other amendments as recommended by soil test results.

- If participating in the Tennessee Home Garden Variety Trial, submit your evaluations soon.

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| Resource Roundup

- Tennessee Smart Yards Certification
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- (W235C) *Building Healthy Soils*
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- (W874C) *Living Screens for Tennessee Landscapes*
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| Seasonal Snapshots

Extend Your Fall Garden

Keep your fall garden productive as temperatures drop with these season extension techniques:

- *Raised Beds:* Warm up faster, improve drainage and simplify crop protection.
- *Transplants:* Give crops a head start when cool conditions slow seed germination.

- *Mulches:* Dark mulches warm the soil and help maintain consistent moisture.
- *Floating Row Covers:* Trap heat and protect crops from insect pests.
- *Low Tunnels:* Use hoops and fabric or clear plastic to protect crops, ventilating as needed to prevent overheating.

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| Lawn & Landscape Tennessee Smart Yards Certification:

Learn how to create a healthier, more sustainable landscape through UT Extension's free educational program.

Explore practical strategies for plant selection, soil health, water conservation, pest management, and supporting wildlife while working toward certifying your yard.

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