



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN WALWORTH COUNTY



*In 2018, Walworth County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 3,802 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$91,236.**

*Using the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time in Wisconsin of \$24.69 per hour from Independent Sector (independentsector.org).

FEATURED PROJECTS

Teach kids to grow vegetables

Walworth County Master Gardener Volunteers, along with over 60 students from Phoenix Middle School in Delavan, planned, planted, and harvested veggies in the community garden. During the summer months many of the gardens are used by local citizens and excess produce is donated to local food pantries. One of the students commented, "This makes me happy because people won't go without food".



Teach kids from alternative high school about native plants

MGVs taught 25 students from the Alternative High School in Elkhorn, WI about native landscape plants and how to properly maintain landscapes during two volunteer workdays. Students learned the names of plants, how to care for them, and engaged in direct learning about the impacts of plants on creating vibrant communities.



Answer gardening questions at farm market

MGVs addressed over 700 inquiries related to vegetable production, tree health, and insect problems by staffing a weekly booth at the Lake Geneva Farmers' Market. Visitors frequented the booth with garden questions and one vendor said that "They are a viable part of the market and they do a great job engaging the youth and families that visit the market."



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The Master Gardener Program in Walworth County started in 1999. Over 424 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 62 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Walworth County

- White River County Park
- Lake Geneva Farmers' Market
- Walworth County Fair
- Lakeland Health Care Center
- Local libraries
- Phoenix Elementary School
- Afterschool programs
- Kishwaukee Nature Conservancy

