



# WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN WAUSHARA COUNTY



*In 2018, Waushara County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 1,574 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$37,764.\**

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

## FEATURED PROJECTS

### Teach a 4-H club how to garden

Waushara County Master Gardener Volunteers partnered with a local 4-H groups to care for public gardens while teaching about annuals, perennials, and weeds. Each week included an educational component. The youth learned about plants and gardening while helping beautify Wautoma. They were so enthusiastic that they would remind their parents of the activity days and requested that this be an ongoing project.



Wautoma but open to any child throughout the entire area and sponsored by Waushara County Department of Human Services for purpose of teaching safety behaviors, discovering area resources and to provide free, family-focused fun. Each child had opportunity to select a flower or vegetable which they planted and were given instructions both verbally and in writing for ongoing care. Children demonstrated their ability to follow directions while also getting the opportunity for hands on learning.



### Educate public how to garden

MGVs hosted several booths at Waushara Co. Fair, Waushara Senior Community Fair, Redgranite Correctional Institution Employee Health Fair, and others to answer questions from the public. Over 800 people attended these events.

### Grow vegetables for the food Pantry

MGVs raised and harvested vegetables at Hancock Agriculture Research Station. Over 260 pounds of veggies from the site was donated to Waushara County Food Pantry.

### Teach kids how to start seeds

MGVs taught over 200 students of various grades how to start seeds and care for plants. This is an activity held at Parkside Middle School in



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The Master Gardener Program in Waushara County started in 2001. Over 160 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 16 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

### Where you can find activities by MGVs in Waushara County

- Hancock Research Station Gardens
- Waushara County Fairgrounds
- Covered Bridge gardens
- Redgranite Library garden
- Bird Creek Park
- Wautoma City Hall
- Wautoma Library seed exchange

