

The Texas Master Gardener program proudly serves citizens of Texas by providing horticulture and gardening information to homeowners. In 2011, there were 5,164 volunteers serving from 100 counties who provided 454,942 hours educational services. They did this by answering 21,011 phone calls coming into the County Extension offices, giving 2,314 public presentations that reached 94,603 people in attendance, and provided 203 demonstration gardens. They help educate children by establishing and maintaining 449 youth gardens and Master Gardener volunteers provide over 40 websites where citizens can gain 24 hour gardening access.

The economic impact Master Gardeners provide the people of Texas is over 9 million dollars. This is equivalent to a 227 increase to Texas AgriLife Extension employees. The service provided by Master Gardener volunteers allows County Extension Agents to expand their capabilities by providing researched based information to the people of Texas.

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