Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardeners
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Membership Enrollment, Dues, and Brown County Requirements

N.E.W. Master Gardeners welcomes both trained Wisconsin Extension Master Gardeners and Associate Members. New members may join any time throughout the year.

2027 enrollment form

At its September 2026 meeting, the N.E.W. Master Gardeners Board of Directors approved updated enrollment deadlines, dues provisions, and Brown County Volunteer requirements.

Returning Members

Returning members (Master Gardeners and Associates) must complete the annual enrollment forms and pay their dues by **March 1, 2027** to remain members in good standing.

Returning Master Gardeners who miss the March 1 deadline may still rejoin N.E.W. Master Gardeners later in the year. However, they will not be eligible for membership in the Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association through N.E.W. Master Gardeners for that membership year. Until they complete the enrollment form, the brown county volunteer form and pay dues they will not be considered a member in good standing.

Annual enrollment for the following year generally opens in October. Members are encouraged to enroll early so the association can prepare its membership and WIMGA records.

New Associate Members

New Associate Members may join at any time during the year.

New Associate Members who join on or before August 1 pay the applicable dues for that membership year. New Associate Members joining **after August 1** are not charged dues for the remainder of that calendar year.

New Master Gardeners

New Wisconsin Extension Master Gardeners may join N.E.W. Master Gardeners at any time during the year.

New Master Gardeners do not pay N.E.W. Master Gardeners dues during their first year of membership. Please submit a copy of your Master Gardener Certification when you submit your enrollment form, this can be emailed to membership@newmastergardeners.org.

Annual Dues

Beginning with the **2027 membership year**, annual N.E.W. Master Gardeners dues are **$30**.

For eligible members who enroll by the applicable deadline, payment of N.E.W. Master Gardeners dues include membership in the **Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association (WIMGA)**.

Brown County Volunteer Requirement

The Brown County Volunteer form must be completed every three years.

New members must complete the Brown County Volunteer requirement before beginning volunteer work on any N.E.W. Master Gardeners project. The background-check process is completed through Brown County and does not require the member to pay a screening fee.

Please make sure to include your Social Security number on the form as the county cannot process the request without it. This information goes directly to Brown County and is not seen or stored in N.E.W. Master Gardeners database. N.E.W. Master Gardeners only receives a response of whether the requirement has been completed but does not have access to sensitive background-check information.

Important Dates at a Glance

- **October 9, 2026:** Annual enrollment opens for 2027.
- **March 1, 2027:** Enrollment and dues deadline for returning members.
- **August 1, 2027:** New-member dues cutoff; new members joining after this date are not charged dues for the remainder of the calendar year.
- **Every three years:** Brown County Volunteer form must be renewed.
- **Beginning in 2027:** Annual dues are $30.

Members with questions about enrollment, dues, WIMGA eligibility, or the Brown County Volunteer requirement should contact `membership@newmastergardeners.org`.