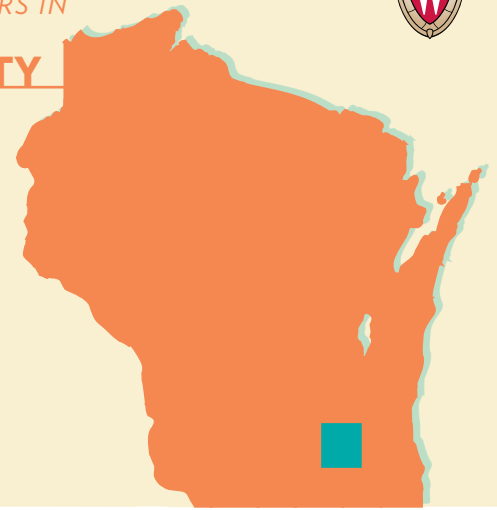




# WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY



*In 2018, Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 2,626 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$63,012.\**

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

## FEATURED PROJECTS

### Answer garden questions

Jefferson County Master Gardener Volunteers answered 54 garden-related inquiries this year via their helpline. Clients could meet face to face with a MGJV to help with any gardening dilemma. Or, questions could be sent by email or phone. There were 11 MGVs working over 146 hours on this project.



### Educate community with garden at Historical Museum

MGVs plan and maintain gardens of the Hoard Historical Museum, a local nonprofit museum in Fort Atkinson, WI. TripAdvisor ranks the museum as #2 of things to do in Fort Atkinson. In addition, MGVs provide educational programs averaging 25 participants at each session.



### Teach kids how to garden

Since 2011, MGVs have engaged students at Jefferson West Elementary School in garden programming aimed at improving food literacy. During the 2017-18 school year, MGVs taught approximately 22 students in each of the 14 sessions to plant, maintain, and harvest vegetables from the garden. MGVs participate in school family nights to share garden produce and recipes with families attending the event. In the spring of 2018, MGVs had over 250 students come to the garden and taught them how to plant seeds and seedlings all within a two day time span. This year via a grant, the garden obtained a new storage shed for tools and materials.



The Master Gardener Program in Jefferson County started in 1995. Over 226 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 34 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

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

- Extension plant health advisors
- Hoard Historical Museum
- Rock River Community Garden
- Fort Atkinson Police Department
- Jefferson Rotary Park
- Jefferson County Fair booth
- Local Farmers' Markets
- Jefferson County Parks seed collection



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