



WISCONSIN MASTER GARDENERS IN OUTAGAMIE COUNTY



*In 2018, Outagamie County Master Gardener Volunteers reported 8,717 hours of community service, worth a value of over \$209,196.**

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

FEATURED PROJECTS

Grow vegetables for food pantry

Outside the left field fence at the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball stadium, in a highly visible location, lies a 50' x 50' vegetable garden. The garden, sponsored by Greenstone Financial, is a part of the *Grow a Row for St. Joe's* campaign, where all of the produce grown is donated to St. Joe's Food Pantry in Appleton. MGVs, Timber Rattler staff, and students from Freedom High School's agricultural education department grew over 400 pounds of vegetables, and garnered much attention from broadcast and social media.



Support community organizations with garden walk

Over 200 individuals attended the Outagamie County Master Gardener Volunteers home garden tour. Funds raised from the event benefited Fox Cities Salvation Army Food Pantry, the Salvation Army Bread of Life Center, the St. Joseph Food Program, and the Appleton Seed Library.

Educate county fair visitors

MGVs provided free seeds to visitors to their booth at the Outagamie County Fair. During the event MGVs shared display boards on various gardening topics and answered visitors' questions.

Grow vegetables for homeless shelter

MGVs planned, planted, and maintained flower and vegetable gardens produce donated to Homeless Connections in Appleton.



"This is a great way to build camaraderie with volunteers, and a creative way to address a community need."

—Kaitlin Bricco,
Extension Horticulture Assistant



The Master Gardener Program in Outagamie County started in 1999. Over 532 people have been trained since that time, and there are currently 112 certified Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs) for 2019.

Where you can find activities by MGVs in Outagamie County

- Appleton Downtown Farmers' Market
- Appleton Public Library
- Outagamie County Fair
- Outagamie Breakfast on the Farm
- Gardens of the Fox Cities/Scheig Center
- Appleton Memorial Park Garden
- Outagamie Extension Gardens
- Kaukauna Farmers' Market



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