

## Introduction to Ask a Master Gardener

Ask-A-Master Gardener is a service provided by the Northeast Tennessee Master Gardener Association (NETMGA) to respond to questions about growing local vegetables, plants, and flowers, or how to deal with garden pests and diseases.

Master Gardeners are member-volunteers from Hawkins, Sullivan, Washington, Carter, and Unicoi counties. The Master Gardener Program is offered by the University of Tennessee Extension. The purpose of the Master Gardener program is to train people as horticultural-educated volunteers. These volunteers work in partnership with their counties to expand the educational outreach, providing home gardeners with researched-based information. These volunteers have been trained with 40 hours of horticultural education and stay up to date with continuing education events throughout the year.

### HOW CAN YOU ASK A QUESTION?

Please submit your questions to the Master Gardeners on their website at [www.netmga.net](http://www.netmga.net). Click the link at the top of the page, "ASK A MASTER GARDENER" to send in your question. You will receive a response from a Master Gardener to the contact information you provide.

Let's celebrate our first question — and a common one for this time of year:

Q: We just moved to Kingsport from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Where can I find information on what vegetables we can plant now as we are just getting settled in and want to get started on our garden right away?

A: Welcome to East Tennessee! You're in luck for planting a robust garden now for a delicious fall harvest. You can still plant broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower with transplants for the season, or plant seeds for spinach, collards, and cucumbers.

For more thorough information, check out the printable guide published by The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture to help you select vegetable crops based on warm or cool season classification, plan your garden, prepare plants and plant them. The guide can be found at: <https://extension.tennessee.edu/publications/Documents/W346-B.pdf>

Happy planting!