

## Gardening Questions?

**Telephone Hotline  
(505) 867-2582**

mid-March to mid-October  
Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Email Hotline

**scmghotline@gmail.com**

All year round

E-mail us your gardening question and a Master Gardener will research it and get back to you with an answer within 48 hours.

Be sure to tell us the name of your town and to be as specific as possible about the problem. We can only provide assistance to gardeners in Sandoval County, NM.

The following information will help us give you the best possible answer whether by phone, email or in person:

- **Name of the plant, preferably the scientific name**
- **A detailed description of the problem, symptoms, or insect**
- **Photos of the problem or insect (email to the hotline email address)**
- **A description of the plant location (sun exposure, soil type, wind exposure, soil moisture)**
- **How the problem developed (suddenly, slowly, single plant, etc.)**
- **What you have done so far about the problem**
- **Any other information that you think might be useful to us**

## Visit Our Website

The Sandoval County Master Gardeners have a user friendly website that includes a wealth of information on classes and events as well as general gardening educational materials tailored to New Mexico gardening.

Visit us at:

[sandovalmastergardeners.org](http://sandovalmastergardeners.org)

## Other Places You Can Find Us

- Telephone Hotline
- Email Hotline
- Home Visits
- Plant Clinics
- Growers' Markets
- County Fairs and Festivals



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the classes, please call in advance (505) 867-2582



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# Sandoval County Master Gardeners



Sandoval County Master Gardener Volunteers serve as a link between NMSU research-based horticulture information and the general public.

**Ask us, Work with us, Grow with us**

## Sandoval County Master Gardeners Serve the Community

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who work in the community as horticulture advisors and resources for home gardeners. NMSU Extension trained and certified volunteers are prepared to answer questions about a wide variety of horticulture issues, including plant selection; installation and maintenance; plant problem diagnosis and treatment; environmentally sound gardening practices; pest identification and management; and effective landscaping practices.

### Internationally Recognized

The International Master Gardener Search for Excellence is the recognition program of Master Gardener volunteer work throughout the United States and Canada and is awarded to outstanding group projects.

#### Search for Excellence Awards

2011 Community Service Award - 1st Place  
Seed2Need - Corrales Food Pantry Project



2009 Demonstration Garden Award - 1st Place  
Rio Rancho WaterWise Demonstration Garden



## Gardening Classes



Sandoval County Master Gardeners provide a number of classes for the public on local gardening techniques. Topics have included:

- Soil Preparation & Improvement
- Composting & Vermicomposting
- Irrigation & Rainwater Harvesting
- Vegetable Gardening
- Trees, Fruit Trees & Berries
- Landscaping & Xeriscaping

### Gardening with the Masters

Free monthly horticultural talks every first Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 4330 Meadowlark Lane SE, Rio Rancho

### Southwest Homeowners Series

Classes are designed for individuals interested in learning how to care for their own garden, but not interested in becoming a Master Gardener. This 8-week morning series begins each February in Bernalillo, NM. Pre-Registration is required and a small fee is charged.

### HOMEScape Solutions

A yearly 7-week program in August through October that teaches homeowners the principles of basic landscape design, providing the tools to plan the landscape and the support needed to proceed with the project. Pre-Registration is required and a small fee is charged.

See [sandovalmastergardeners.org](http://sandovalmastergardeners.org) for details.

## Become a Master Gardener

To become certified as a Sandoval County Master Gardener, you must successfully complete the 14-week Master Gardener Classes offered each winter and complete a 30 hour internship that includes 10 hours of answering questions in the community and 20 hours of other community-based volunteer activities. The classes meet every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. from early January through mid April. The cost of \$125 covers a thumb drive manual and other class materials. Course instructors include NMSU Extension Specialists, certified Master Gardeners and other regional horticultural experts.

Certified Master Gardeners must volunteer at least 40 hours each year, of which at least 10 hours must be earned in continuing education classes to retain their certification.

### Apply Today

To apply for the next Master Gardener Course, contact the Sandoval Extension Office for an application or download the application form from:

[sandovalmastergardeners.org](http://sandovalmastergardeners.org)

Complete the form and either mail, email or fax it to:

Sandoval County Extension Office  
PO Box 400  
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Phone: (505) 867-2582  
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You will be contacted to confirm your acceptance and course dates and times.