



# Green School Course Syllabus

## Course Information

Curriculum is created by a statewide team and coordinated locally to be offered in communities across Colorado. Course content is developed using research- and evidenced-based horticultural information approved by Colorado State University. Course format may vary by region and county. All students will take online classes as part of their curriculum, utilizing Colorado State University Online's platform called Canvas, and utilize Zoom for live courses and weekly reviews.

## Course Instruction

Your best point of contact for questions and information is the State Green Team and any class instructors listed in Canvas. This is a team of CSU Horticulture and programming staff at the ready to support you. The program lead is Katie Dunker who can be reached at [Katie.Dunker@colostate.edu](mailto:Katie.Dunker@colostate.edu).

## Course Objective

The purpose of Green School training is to teach interested participants in relevant, evidenced-based horticultural information specific to our regions in Colorado. Certificate students will take courses alongside Colorado Master Gardener Apprentices. These are individuals who have applied and completed program requirements to serve as authorized CSU volunteers locally following Green School training.

## Course Schedule

The schedule is included in this syllabus and posted online at <http://ColoradoMasterGardener.org> > GardenNotes. This schedule is subject to change but as much advanced notice as possible will be given and all courses will be recorded and posted online in Canvas.

## Course Materials

*GardenNotes* is your online reference 'textbook' and curriculum for this course. *There is no hardcopy version available.* Access *GardenNotes* online at [ColoradoMasterGardener.org](http://ColoradoMasterGardener.org) > Volunteer Resources > *GardenNotes*.

**READINGS:** The *GardenNotes* readings are not required. Rather, these serve as a reference material and a supplement to your online and webinar courses.

**HOMEWORK:** The homework and worksheets are optional but are there to enhance your learning. Some of these worksheets/homework will be used for activities in the weekly live reviews, but not all. If you have questions on the material in these worksheets – please contact the instructor for that subject.

**RESOURCES TO STAY ORGANIZED:** See the *Reading, Homework and Worksheet List* for more detailed information for each class. The *Student Training Guide* is a printable week-by-week guide that may be useful for taking notes and staying organized.

**TECHNOLOGY:** You will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, updated internet browser software (multiple browsers work well with Canvas, EXCEPT Internet Explorer), and reliable internet access.

## Instructional Methods

This course utilizes self-paced online courses, live (& recorded) courses and weekly reviews for multi-modal adult learning and flexibility to meet your scheduling needs.

**ONLINE COURSES:** All students will have access to online classes offered through CSU Online's **Canvas** platform. To gain access to these courses, you'll need to register using a link provided by your local coordinator. **Instructions for registering and links to Canvas will be emailed to you the first week of January.** Once you have access to Canvas, you can always find a link to login on the GardenNotes webpage. *To earn your certificate, you'll need to complete 7 online courses by taking the post test for each course you complete.*

**WEEKLY LIVE REVIEWS:** Each week you have an online class, you'll join a weekly "Live Review" webinar session. These reviews are subject-matter specific (based on the topic you studied online) and will be facilitated by a CSU faculty or staff specialist. These serve as your best change to get live questions answered, hear the latest on the topic and enhance your learning by interacting with CSU Horticulture experts. *These will be recorded and posted on Canvas, you are expected to attend at least 5 live classes for certification.*

**LIVE WEBINAR CLASSES:** Two classes are only offered via live lectures: Colorado Gardening Challenges and Plant Pathology. Attendance is strongly encouraged – you won't want to miss these important topics! A recording will be posted in Canvas the week after the live course. *There is a post-test in Canvas for each of these courses that are required for certification.*

## Course Policies

Follow your course schedule for class dates and online class deadlines. Readings should be available to reference while taking the online and live classes. The optional homework is intended to be done following an in-person or online class. Worksheets may be done on a weekly live review or on your own.

## Earning Your Certificate

Earning a certificate is optional. You can attend Green School without earning your certificate.

To obtain certification, trainees must:

- Complete 7 online classes and take the online post-test for each class
- Attend (or watch the recording of) 2 live classes and take an online post-test for each class
- Attend at least 5 weekly class review sessions
- Pass the comprehensive final (open-book, research encouraged) with a 70% or better by the due date posted in your schedule
- Note: *Your score for pre- and post-tests do not affect your grade, only your final exam score and attendance determines passing.*

Upon completion of the certificate requirements, you'll receive a **Colorado Gardener Certificate**. The Colorado Gardener Certificate may be displayed in a place of business and used in business marketing. However, because there is no subsequent volunteer commitment, *participants do not become Colorado Master Gardeners*. The title of 'Master Gardener' is a registered service mark and only to be used for CSU Extension events and purposes. If you choose to apply and are accepted locally to a Colorado Master Gardener program, your Green School training will count towards your Master Gardener training as long as its within 3 years from completion.

## Course Evaluation

You will be sent a course evaluation following the training to get your feedback.

# Readings, Homework & Worksheets

>> GARDENNOTES IS YOUR ONLINE, REFERENCE FOR THIS COURSE.

Go to <http://ColoradoMasterGardener.org> > Volunteer Resources > GardenNotes

TOPIC	GARDENNOTES READINGS – NOT REQUIRED, FOR REFERENCE	OPTIONAL HOMEWORK	WORKSHEETS – OPTIONAL, IN-CLASS
<b>Soils, Fertilizers &amp; Amendments</b> ONLINE CLASS	#211-251	#252 #253	#252
<b>Botany: How Plants Grow</b> ONLINE CLASS	#121,122, 131-137, #141-145	#155 #150	#151 #152
<b>Science of Planting Trees</b> ONLINE CLASS	#631 -#636		
<b>Care of Trees</b> ONLINE CLASS	#651; #653-659 #652		
<b>Lawn Care / Turf Management</b> ONLINE CLASS	#551- 556	Turf Crossword	#571
<b>Weed Management</b> ONLINE CLASS	#351, #352, #353		#356
<b>Colorado Gardening Challenges</b> LIVE CLASS	No readings, supplemental guides may be posted or emailed.		
<b>Entomology</b> ONLINE CLASS	#311-313	#318	
<b>IPM &amp; Diagnostics</b> ONLINE CLASS	#101, #102	#105 IPM Crossword	#103
<b>Plant Pathology</b> LIVE CLASS	#331-332	#332	#108 #333

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<b>Vegetables</b> OPTIONAL ONLINE CLASS	#711-724		
<b>Pruning</b> OPTIONAL ONLINE CLASS	#610-617		
<b>Irrigation Management</b> OPTIONAL ONLINE CLASS	#260-268		
<b>Small Fruit</b> OPTIONAL ONLINE CLASS	#760-764		
<b>Tree Fruit</b> OPTIONAL ONLINE CLASS	#770-771		



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# Certified Colorado Gardener 2021 'Green School' Schedule

Date	Course / Format	Live Review Pick One   Hosted on Zoom
JANUARY 4-8	<b>Training Introduction Course</b> & Access to Online Classes Opens	<b>Live Class:</b> Jan. 6 at 6-7:30PM Jan. 7 at 9-10:30AM
JANUARY 11-15	<b>Soils, Fertilizers &amp; Amendments</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> Jan. 13 at 6-7:30PM Jan. 14 at 9-10:30AM
JANUARY 18-22	<b>Botany: How Plants Grow</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> Jan. 20 at 6-7:30PM Jan. 21 at 9-10:30AM
JANUARY 25 -29	<b>The Science of Planting Trees &amp; Care of Woody Plants</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> Jan. 27 at 6-7:30PM Jan. 28 at 9-10:30AM
FEBRUARY 1-5	<b>Catch-up / Off week</b>  OR take optional/other online courses: Small Fruits, Tree Fruits, Pruning, Irrigation	
FEBRUARY 8-12	<b>Lawn Care / Turfgrass Management</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> Feb. 10 at 6-7:30PM Feb. 11 at 9-10:30AM
FEBRUARY 15-19	<b>Weed Management</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> Feb 17 at 6-7:30PM Feb 18 at 9-10:30AM
FEBRUARY 24	<b>Colorado Gardening Challenges</b> Live Online Webinar 9AM-3PM (45 Min. lunch break)	Attend live class.

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MARCH 1-5	<b>Entomology</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> March 3 at 6-7:30PM March 4 at 9-10:30AM
MARCH 8-12	<b>IPM &amp; Diagnostics</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> March 10 at 6-7:30PM March 11 at 9-10:30AM
MARCH 17	<b>Plant Pathology</b> Live Online Webinar 9AM-3PM (45 Min. lunch break)	Attend live class.
MARCH 22-26	<b>Vegetables [Optional]</b> Online Class	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A:</b> March 24 at 6-7:30PM March 25 at 9-10:30AM
APRIL	<b>Optional Online Classes</b>  Take other online courses: Small Fruits, Tree Fruits, Pruning, Irrigation	<b>Live Q&amp;A by topic:</b> Thursdays from 9-10:30AM  Tree Fruits: 4/1 Small Fruit: 4/8 Pruning: 4/15 Irrigation: 4/22
DUE BY APRIL 16	<b>Final Exam</b> Online; open March 19 – April 16 50 questions   70% to pass Open-book, open-note, research encouraged.	



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