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Chesterfield County Office

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Gardening for Chesterfield Residents <http://www.chesterfield.gov/extension>

Program 2009

Dear Resident,

Thank you for your interest in the Gardening for Chesterfield Residents Program. The purpose of this program is to educate Chesterfield County residents in establishing and maintaining their landscape (trees, shrubs, and landscape beds) using the guidelines established by the Virginia Cooperative Extension. A limited number of registrants are accepted each year, so please register early if you would like to take part. Please note: turf will not be addressed in this program; if you would like an assessment of your turf please register with the Grass Roots program through our office separately.

As a participant in this program, you will be contacted by a Master Gardener volunteer who will go over a gardening questionnaire with you. The Master Gardener will then visit your landscape and assess the site, making note of problem areas, site conditions, and taking a basic inventory of your current landscape. This visit will last approximately one to one and one-half hours. If you'd like to collect your own soil samples, soil sample kits will be provided to you during the visit, and you will submit the soil on your own. A follow-up visit will take place several weeks later, at which time the Master Gardener will go over your personalized landscaping binder, which will include a map of your property with current plantings and site conditions noted, fact sheets on current plantings, general gardening information for our area and more. This second visit will last approximately one-half hour to one hour.

Site visits are conducted by Master Gardener volunteers April through July. We cannot guarantee the exact time when your visit will take place, only that it will be completed by July 31, 2009. If you are interested in this program, please fill out the enclosed registration form and return to our office with a check for \$25 made payable to 'Treasurer, Chesterfield County'.

We look forward to working with you in this new program!

Sincerely,



Susan A. Edwards
ANR Technician

Sincerely,



T. Michael Likins
County Agent

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	DATE:
Master Gardeners: _____	_____
Appl. received at VCE: _____	_____
Appl. signed out by MG: _____	_____
Client contacted by MG: _____	_____
Site visit: _____	_____
Binder delivered: _____	_____
Copy of papers to VCE: _____	_____

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Registration Information

Name _____	Daytime Phone # _____
Address _____	Home Phone # _____
_____	Cell Phone # _____
Subdivision _____	Email: _____

As a participant in the Gardening for Chesterfield Residentsd Program, I give my permission for representatives from the Chesterfield County Extension Office to come onto my property to conduct the site evaluation and deliver my program materials. I understand that this site visit may take place sometime between April 1, 2009 and July 31, 2009, at the representatives' convenience. Level of detail recorded on the site evaluation is dependent on property size and landscape diversity; site visits are limited to 1.5 hours. I understand that the program cost is \$25, and I have enclosed my check for \$25 made out to 'Treasurer, Chesterfield County' with this application. Soil tests are not included in this cost.

REGISTRATION IS NOT CONFIRMED WITHOUT PAYMENT OR SIGNATURE.

Signature (required): _____ Date _____

The goal of this program is to educate the homeowner on establishing and maintaining their trees, shrubs, flower beds and vegetable garden using the guidelines established by the Virginia Cooperative Extension. This goal will be achieved through the use of an interview with the homeowner, site evaluation, and a personalized reference handbook.

- **RESIDENCE** *Please answer the following:*
 - How long have you lived at this address? _____years _____months
 - How long have you lived in Chesterfield County? _____years _____months
 - How long have you lived in Virginia? _____years _____months
 - Do you keep any pets outdoors while you are not at home? _____yes _____no

For the safety of our volunteers, we reserve the right to forego evaluating properties where pets are left outside.

- **SITE EVALUATION** *All site evaluations will take place during the work week (Monday through Friday). No site evaluations will be conducted on Saturday or Sunday, or after dusk during the work week.*
 - Your presence for the site evaluation is preferred but not necessary.

Please select the time(s) you are available for your site evaluation:

- 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. _____
- 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. _____
- 4 p.m. – dusk _____

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