Purpose
Ask a Master Gardener is an online resource where trained OSU Extension volunteers help the public with yard and garden questions. These volunteers answer questions with research-based, non-biased responses on topics from lawn fertilization to tree, plant and insect ID. Questions are answered in a timely fashion. Ask a Master Gardener is a component of the national extension Ask an Expert program where Extension professionals around the country field questions from personal finance to water quality to nutrition and much more. These resources are available through every OSU Extension County website.

Impact
Nationally, home and garden questions represent two-thirds of all Ask an Expert Questions. Near 2,000 Ohio gardening questions were answered in 2014. Responses include science-based resources to educate clients in responsible plant selection, pest management options and information on invasive plants and insects.

Users are introduced to OSU Extension Fact Sheets that provide information on a variety of topics. OSU Buckeye Yard and Garden onLine (bygl.osu.edu) is recommended for information on current horticulture topics.

Users are exposed to OSU Extension and the Master Gardener volunteer program as well as science-based information. This enables users to make good landscape and garden management decisions.

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