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Everyone knows that Santa loves gardening, that way he can HOE-HOE-HOE all he wants. What to get a gardener that has everything? Of course, pay their materials fee for them to take the Master Gardener Course. Gardening is truly the gift that keeps on giving: a healthy vegetable here, a tasty fruit there, and beautiful flowers everywhere.

This is the last week to sign-up for the Florence Master Gardener Class which begins January 10, 2005. The Master Gardener Class is an intensive thirteen week horticultural training. Training includes topics such as basic plant botany and physiology, entomology, plant pathology, vegetable gardening, fruit culture, annuals, and perennials. Topics also include woody ornamentals, turf management, interior plants, pest control, basic landscaping, and identification and usage of common landscape plants.

The Master Gardener class will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Florence County Extension Office. You may choose either the morning or evening session. The class will start on Monday, January 10, 2005 and continue every non-holiday Monday through February, March, and the beginning of April. A total of 13 classes. The total cost for the course is a \$125 materials fee. Since acceptance in the course is on a first come first serve basis, you may register anytime by paying your materials fee at the Florence County Extension Office. Our office is located at the rear of the Public Services Building on the corner of Third Loop and Irby and open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. When registered, you will receive more information before our starting date.

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