Dear Master Gardener Program Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Cumberland County Master Gardener program. The Master Gardener program is very popular. We have 30 available spaces in the class and every year we receive two to three times more applications than we have room for. Along with the 45 hours of class instruction, a work day and final exam; each participant in the program is required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of approved volunteer work in order to become certified as a Master Gardener.
Because of the competition, we are asking each applicant to consider their available time and other responsibilities and to be realistic about whether or not they will be able to fulfill the requirements. If you feel you are able to make the commitment, we encourage you to apply. **If you are unable to make the commitment** this year, then we ask you to apply at a future date. The program is offered every year and there will be other opportunities to apply.

Please contact us at 780-4205 or awitt@umext.maine.edu if you have any questions or would like to discuss your situation.