



University of Wisconsin- Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement

The purpose of the UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program is to train volunteers to provide horticultural information specific to local climates, soils and plants to the gardening public, based on University research, when available.

As a participant in the UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program, I understand and agree to:

- Complete a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service on approved projects during the first year of training.
- Complete a minimum of 24 hours of approved volunteer service and 10 hours of approved continuing education annually in order to maintain my certification as a Master Gardener Volunteer.
- Follow current UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program policy guidelines.
- Represent the UW-Extension in a professional manner.
- Provide non-biased horticultural information, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.
- Refer all commercial horticulture inquiries to the UW-Extension staff.
- Realize no one can know all the answers and be able to say "I don't know" (but try to find out).
- Cooperate with and support UW-Extension staff to jointly further the missions and objectives of the UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program.
- Give permission to disclose my identity and to reproduce and distribute videotapes, films, photographs and transparencies of me taken at approved UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer programs.
- Use the title of Master Gardener Volunteer only when performing unpaid volunteer work on behalf of UW-Extension or in conjunction with MGV Association activities. The title is not to be used to advertise names or places of business, nor to associate the Master Gardener Volunteer name with commercial products or give implied endorsements of any product or place of business.
- Recognize that verbal or physical abuse, failure to comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws, using or possessing weapons, alcohol or illegal substances while participating in volunteer activities, or committing criminal acts are grounds for termination as a Master Gardener Volunteer.

I further understand that UW-Extension will:

- Provide training, supervision, and direction to volunteers through the local county UW-Extension office.
- Communicate expectations and responsibilities of the program to volunteers.
- Match volunteer skills and interests with volunteer opportunities within the local Extension unit.
- Support UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and the WI MG Association (WIMGA).
- Provide continuing education opportunities such as Specialty Training and assist the WIMGA in offering their annual state Master Gardener Volunteer conference.
- Provide a state Master Gardener Volunteer web site.
- Provide a state Master Gardener Volunteer newsletter to WIMGA members.
- Provide access to UW-Extension office horticulture reference materials.
- Provide reasonable access to UW-Extension professionals.

Please complete and sign page 2 and submit it to the Milwaukee County UW-Extension office.

I have read and understand this volunteer agreement. I agree to abide by the conditions and expectations of this document. I understand that my failure to comply with these expectations may result in my termination as a UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteer.

Master Gardener Participant:

Name (Please print)

Current Mailing Address (Street, Apt.)

City, State, Zip

County Telephone email address (if applicable)

Signature Date

UW-Extension Representative:

Name (please print)

Signature Date

This UW-Extension Annual Volunteer Agreement will be on file in the Milwaukee County UW-Extension office.

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University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.