

### **Assumption of Risk**

Participation in Washington State University (WSU) Master Gardener activities and events involves **RISK OF INJURY, ILLNESS OR DEATH** to you and others, despite the precautions taken to prevent injury. **You are instructed not to participate in anything you regard as too risky.** Such risk includes but is not limited to:

- **Serious bodily injury**, including lacerations, contusions, broken bones, sprains, muscle or ligament damage, eye injury, loss of vision, injury to vital organs, paralysis, spinal cord damage, nerve damage, head injuries or death from use of gardening tools, use of ladders, falls, including but not limited to falls from walking on uneven ground, tripping on tools or objects on the ground, walking on wet ground or ground which is slick due to plants, moisture or objects, being struck by objects, vehicles or other injury from being in the vicinity of others using tools, ladders and vehicles, and vehicular accidents;
- **illness**, including heart attack and respiratory failure;
- **allergic reactions**, including reactions to plants, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, food, insect bites, bee stings, dust, pollen, plastics and soils; and
- **property damage or loss** - any personal property that you may bring to a Master Gardener event could be lost, stolen or damaged because of the conditions at the event or the actions of individuals.

**Any injury or illness may affect your (your child's) future, including the ability to make a living, engage in business, participate in social and recreational activities and enjoy life.**

I understand that if I (my child) voluntarily participate, I expose myself (my child) to risk of personal injury and/or death and property damage or loss. I also recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury or death that may occur that WSU cannot specifically anticipate and list here. In consideration of the opportunity for me (my child) to participate in WSU Master Gardener activities, I voluntarily agree to assume all RISKS, including death, serious bodily injury, and illness.

**Ask your doctor:** You are strongly encouraged to consult with a physician before participating in any physical activity. Those with pre-existing conditions are encouraged to wear a medical alert bracelet or neck tag.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of the opportunity to participate in Washington State University (WSU) Master Gardener activities, I RELEASE the state of Washington, the Regents of WSU, WSU, any subdivision or unit of WSU, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses if loss of personal property, injury, death, and/or loss suffered by me (my child) as a result of my (my child's) participation in these activities. My (my child's) participation includes, but is not limited to, travel to and from a WSU Master Gardener event in a private or public vehicle, and any activity connected with the event itself, and while using state equipment or facilities for the event whether on or off WSU property.

**I have carefully read this document**, understand its contents, and am fully informed about this event and circumstances and am satisfied that I can safely participate in this event. I am aware that this document is a contract with WSU. I, or my parents/legal guardians if I am under the age of eighteen, sign it freely and voluntarily.

**IF PARTICIPANT IS OVER AGE 18**

**IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER AGE 18**

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Participant's Full Name (Print)

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Participant's Full Name (Print)

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Participant's Signature

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Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_