



NEWSLETTER FOR MG PROGRAM COORDINATORS

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The **2012 Program Coordinators Handbook** has been updated from the 2008 version.

<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/misc0570e/misc0570e.pdf> I urge you to print one copy of this and keep it at your desk as a quick reference to information you need about program policies.

Reports for 2011 <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/2011Report.html> . These reports are written from the numbers you sent me in December, 2011. The 2 separate flyers on **Sustainable Gardening Impacts** and **Food Gardening Impacts** can be shared with all MG volunteers for them to see how they make lives better for Washington residents and to supplement local impacts when you are promoting the MG program to community leaders or in grant applications. The **Full Report** contains all volunteer numbers, hours, activities and descriptions of projects in various counties to illustrate MG efforts.

I think the numbers reported here are very low compared with what actually happens. When reading these reports, think about evaluation tools you can use to collect more accurate information for your 2012 reports.

A revised documents placed there as a result of the last webinar with Catherine Daniels is the **Pest Management Agreement** form that new volunteers should sign and return to you so you can send all signed originals to my office.

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/documents/WSUExtensionMasterGardenerVolunteerPestManagementRecommendationsAgreement.pdf>

Speaking the MG Program website, I know there is more stuff on it than can be sorted through easily.

Brigitta has reformatted the Tools for Program Management section. Please bookmark this if you haven't already. <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/tools.html> and learn to use it like a table of contents. We placed things in the major sections according to what seemed to make sense, but if there are 2 places an items could appear, she has put it in both sections. But please call or write ANY time you can't find what you're looking for. Because Brigitta and I use the site all the time we are happy to find things quickly for you. Don't hesitate to call because we're here to make your job easier, seriously!

Upcoming meetings:

National Extension MG Coordinators online discussion [March 21. Using Social Media to Develop Connections and Community](#) 11 AM Pacific Time.

<https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/hortcop> (just slightly before the web discussion) Enter as a guest, provide your name and what state you are from in the provided box, when prompted, choose the option to have the system call your phone, provide your phone number. If you have difficulties you may try calling into the system using the phone number at the bottom of the screen)

Friday, April 6th: WSU MG Coordinators' online discussion. <http://breeze.wsu.edu/mg> 10-11 am. Topic to be announced.

Resources to know about

This newsletter and our online discussions are always archived and posted under Tools for Program Management, Newsletter and Webinar Archives

<http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/NewslettersAndWebinars.html>

The City of Lynnwood, a Tree City USA, celebrates Arbor Day by joining in with the national Fourth Grade Foresters Program to teach kids how to plant and care for trees.

[Read more.](#)

Best regards to all,

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