

WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Position Description

Title WSU Master Gardener Volunteer

Purpose To provide public education in gardening and environmental stewardship based on researched-based information from WSU Extension and other universities to address such critical issues as enhancing natural resources and environmental stewardship, and improving health and wellness of residents of Washington.

Nature & Scope WSU Master Gardener Volunteers make it possible for Extension faculty and staff to reach Washington residents and communities with horticulture programs and home gardening information.

Trained and certified WSU Master Gardener Volunteers provide educational programs, free advice and answers to questions on home gardening and landscape maintenance, pest management, composting, and related topics. This is accomplished through various formal and informal activities, including plant clinics, telephone or personal contacts, demonstrations, classes, written material, school programs, demonstration gardens, public meeting, tours, etc.

Requirements Be able to participate fully in the training program provided for WSU Master Gardener Volunteers. This includes online modules and face to face classes.

- * Be willing and able to return a county-specific number of public educational service hours within a predetermined timeframe.
- * Be willing to follow the WSU Master Gardener policies and procedure, including record keeping requirements and responding to reasonable requests for volunteer service.
- * Be willing to abide by WSU Extension's Pest Management Recommendation Agreement, giving clients a range of possible options, including cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical controls.
- * Be able to communicate effectively with the public by telephone, personal contact, group contact, or through written language.
- * Have knowledge of and experience or skills in basic gardening or other horticulture related areas.
- * Be able to work with adults and/or youth, and be willing to share home gardening information with others.

Supervision Master Gardener Volunteers are supervised by faculty or staff in the WSU Extension office in their county of residence. In counties without paid program coordinators, a WSU faculty member may appoint a volunteer to serve as the program coordinator.