



WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Position Description

Title WSU Master Gardener Volunteer

Purpose To provide public education in gardening and environmental stewardship using unbiased research-based information from WSU Extension and other universities to address community challenges such as changing climate, food security, pollinator health and habitat, water quality and quantity and increasing wildfires. Volunteers empower communities with knowledge and skills to make decisions that enhance natural resources, sustain vibrant communities, and improve health and wellness of residents of Washington.

Nature & Scope WSU Master Gardener Volunteers make it possible for Extension faculty and staff to reach more people with horticulture programs and home gardening information than would be possible without them.

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 meetings, tours, etc.

- Requirements**
- Be able to participate fully in the training program provided for WSU Master Gardener Volunteers.
 - 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 procedures, 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 willing to submit to a WSU required national background screen.
 - Be able to communicate effectively with the public by telephone, personal contact, group contact, or through written language (email, social media).
 - 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.
 - Abide by proper use of logos and professional representation of WSU and the Master Gardener Program.

Supervision The Extension staff in charge of the county WSU Master Gardener Program oversees and coordinates the activities of Master Gardener Volunteers.