

Idaho Master Gardener – Latah County Volunteer Position Description and Agreement Form

JOB TITLE: Master Gardener

PURPOSE OF THE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM:

The Idaho Master Gardener program extends horticultural education through trained and certified volunteers to the local community.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MASTER GARDENER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Volunteers research and answer questions in person and over the phone/computer email about fruit trees, ornamentals, lawns, insects and other related home horticultural projects in the community. Volunteers may assist in the preparation/presentation of home-horticultural classes/trainings.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant should have an interest and some knowledge or skills in basic gardening, ornamental horticulture, or general plant-related topics.
- Applicant agrees to complete a minimum of 40 hours of classroom training.
- Applicant must be able to complete an additional 40 hours (minimum of 12 hours of Plant Clinic work in the Extension Office and/or Farmer’s Market; the remainder hours of other volunteer work provided or approved by Extension Office Staff) during the current year growing season (May through November).
- Applicant is under the responsibility of the University of Idaho Extension Educator and the Program Coordinator in charge of the Master Gardener Program. All outside project work must be pre-approved by the Extension Educator and/or Program Coordinator in charge to receive Master Gardener credit.
- Applicant agrees to follow University of Idaho horticultural recommendations and offer all options available (i.e., biological, cultural, and chemical controls), based in the PNW Management Handbooks.
- Applicant agrees to cooperate with the Extension System staff.
- Applicant must meet all requirements for certification.

SUPERVISION:

- The University of Idaho Extension Educator and/or Program Coordinator in charge of the Master Gardener Program provide supervision and educational support to the Master Gardener volunteer.
- The Extension Educator and/or Program Coordinator will assign, review, and assess hands-on training work for the Master Gardener trainee, certified or advanced certified volunteer.
- The Extension Educator and/or Program Coordinator will provide in-service training, furnish space, and other needed support materials when the volunteer works in the office.

Master Gardener Volunteer

Date

Program Coordinator

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