

# **Master Gardener**

## **Authorized Volunteer Position Description**

### **Purpose of the Master Gardener Program**

To extend horticultural education through trained and certified volunteers.

### **Brief description of Master Gardener Volunteer Responsibilities**

Volunteers are to provide education and assistance to Idaho residents in topic areas related to home horticulture. Activities may include, but are not limited to answering questions in person and over the telephone about vegetable gardening, fruit trees, ornamentals, lawns, insects, and other related topics, assisting with public horticulture projects, assisting in the preparation of home horticulture classes, and organizing special seminars and conferences for homeowners and other Master Gardeners.

### **Requirements for Volunteer Service**

Have an interest and/or knowledge or skills in basic gardening, ornamental horticulture, or general plant-related topics.

Be able to communicate effectively with the public.

Participate in beginning Master Gardener classroom training (a minimum of 30 hours).

Complete and sign a Master Gardener Position Description form.

Complete or be enrolled in additional hands-on practicum training and volunteer service (a minimum of 30 hours) under the direction of and extension educator.

Be responsible to the University of Idaho Extension educator in charge of the Master Gardener program. All outside project work must be approved first with the educator in charge to receive Master Gardener credit.

Adhere to University of Idaho horticulture recommendations and cooperate with the county Extension staff.

Meet all statewide and local county requirements for certification.

Follow the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity policies by not allowing discrimination on the basis of race, gender, color, age, religion, national origin, or disability.

If required to operate a UI vehicle as part of volunteer duties, become be trained as a certified UI driver.

### **Supervision of Volunteers**

The University of Idaho educator in charge of the Master Gardener program provides supervision and educational support to the volunteer Master Gardener.

The Extension educator will assign, review, and assess hands-on practicum work for the Master Gardener trainee, veteran, or advanced volunteer.

The Extension educator will provide in-service training and furnish space and other needed support materials when the Master Gardener volunteer works in the Extension office.

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Signed: Master Gardener Volunteer

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Date

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Signed: County Master Gardener Supervisor

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Date