



# Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program



## Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is a contractual agreement accepted by volunteers who commit to the Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener™ Program. The Code shall guide the volunteers' behavior during their involvement with the Master Gardener Program.

The OSU Extension Master Gardener Program provides objective, research-based educational programs accessible to all Oregon residents. The primary purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Master Gardener Program participants (i.e. target audiences, professionals and volunteers).

Master Gardener volunteers are expected to function within the guidelines of Oregon State University Extension and the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program.

When volunteering as an Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener, I will:

- Represent OSU Extension, the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program and my individual county program with professionalism, dignity and pride, and be responsible for conducting myself with courtesy and appropriate behavior.
- Promote and support the activities and programs of OSU Extension, the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program and my local or county Master Gardener Program
- Learn about, know and uphold the policies of the OSU Extension Service, the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program and my local or county Master Gardener Program
- Participate in orientation and training programs to help me work more effectively with appropriate audiences
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws
- Accept supervision and support from Extension faculty or staff while involved in the program
- Keep personal opinions and actions separate from the research-based and objective recommendations made as a representative of this organization
- Follow through and complete accepted tasks in a timely manner
- Use garden tools and equipment and operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner, when working in an OSU Extension Master Gardener demonstration garden or other Master Gardener site
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by OSU Extension, the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program, and my local or county Extension Master Gardener Program.
- Accept assignments suited to your personal interests and skills
- Participate in staff and program evaluations
- Be willing to use and teach research-based practices and concepts, in an objective manner

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct outlined above. I understand and agree that any action on my part that contradicts any portion of this Code is grounds for the suspension and/or termination of my volunteer status with the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_