



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION

Master Gardener Volunteer Application

Please return to:
Attn: Terry Straub, EMG-HC, 479
Prairie Center Drive, Eden
Prairie, MN, 55344

Thank you for your interest in the Extension Master Gardener Program!

We'd like to get to know you! Please take a few moments to answer the application questions. This application process can be competitive. Take your time and answer all of the questions thoroughly. Your responses are counted as part of an overall evaluation.

Thanks in advance for completing and submitting this survey by midnight, **Oct. 1, 2019!**

Name of county program to which you are applying: _____

Please provide your contact information:

Email	_____	City	_____
Last name	_____	State	_____
First name	_____	Zip code	_____
Initial	_____	Phone (cell)	_____
Street address	_____	Phone (other)	_____

Demographics

Data collected helps us understand how we reflect our communities and comply with state and federal reporting requirements in order to better serve the needs of our communities.

Gender identity

- Female
- Male
- Prefer to self-identify

Hispanic ethnicity (please check one)

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Racial groups (check all that apply)

- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Asian
- Other

Experience

List current or previous volunteer experience (list dates, organizations and positions held).

List any experience you have working with **diverse audiences** (i.e. seniors, special needs, diverse communities, youth, etc.)

List experience you have in **communicating information to others** (i.e. public speaking, teaching, tutoring, writing, electronic communications, etc.).

List any experience and education/training you have in **gardening** (home gardening or in the horticultural industry).

While volunteer activities are available throughout the year, **mid-April to mid-July is the peak volunteering season**. Will you be able to participate during this time period? Do you foresee any time constraints?

Are there any other **life skills, training, past employment, or hobbies** that you would like us to know about?

What would you recommend?

Choose and answer **three of the six questions**.

The following questions are examples of questions the public regularly asks Master Gardener Volunteers. What would you recommend? The questions have many possible answers. Please list suggestions about the problem and describe possible solutions. Feel free to use the Internet, your own books or other resources to answer these questions. In addition, please list the resources you consulted to reach the answers to the questions.

Question: A friend used a systemic insecticide on their vegetable garden to get rid of bugs. After finishing, they noticed that vegetables were not included for use on the label. Can those vegetables be eaten?

Where did you find your answer? Site your source.

Question: I want to start a vegetable garden. Where do vegetables grow best and is there anything else you can recommend for me to be successful?

Where did you find your answer? Site your source.

Question: My neighbor's apple tree has all of these little plastic bags hanging on it. Why would someone do this?

Where did you find your answer? Site your source.

What would you recommend? Choose and answer three of the six questions. (Cont'd)

Question: I noticed some gray patches of grass growing in a park near where I live. Some patches are small, some patches are big. Yesterday morning there was all of this spidery-like stuff on it. Many patches of grass look dead. What is going on? Is it safe for people in the park? What would someone do about it?

Where did you find your answer? Site your source.

Question: What's the best way to control Creeping Charlie in my yard / garden?

Where did you find your answer? Site your source.

Question: I have a couple of ash trees in my yard. How can I save them from the emerald ash borer?

Where did you find your answer? Site your source.

Agreement of Understanding

I wish to become a University of Minnesota volunteer in the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener program and request acceptance into the training program. I understand that if accepted, I will become an Extension Master Gardener Intern. I will complete the required 48 hour Master Gardener Core Course (online, in-class or combination) and donate 50 hours of volunteer service through the county or local Master Gardener unit where I am accepted. I will complete the intern requirements by the end of the calendar year of my training, or a date agreed upon with the local coordinator.

I understand that to qualify, my volunteer service must be completed in activities approved by the local program or state office. Upon successful completion of these intern requirements, I will become a certified University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener. I understand that if I do not complete the required volunteer service by the designated date or choose not to continue in the program after completing the Core Course, I agree to reimburse the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener program \$320, or the difference between the volunteer and non-volunteer (ProHort) rates for the training.

To maintain certification, I understand that I must contribute a minimum of 25 hours of volunteer service and a minimum of 5 hours of continuing education each program year (calendar year unless specified by the local program). I agree to follow all University of Minnesota and Extension Master Gardener Program policies and guidelines, including the [University of Minnesota Board of Regents code of conduct](#) and [Extension Master Gardener standards of behavior](#) described in the [Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Manual](#).

I understand that volunteering for the University of Minnesota is a privilege and that violation of policies or misconduct could lead to termination as an Extension Master Gardener volunteer. I understand that while serving as an Extension Master Gardener I represent University of Minnesota Extension and I will do so to the best of my ability.

Also, I do hereby consent and agree that University of Minnesota Extension and the Extension Master Gardener program may take photographs, video or audio clips of me and may use these for educational and promotional materials or web postings. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary. I do hereby release to the University of Minnesota and the Extension Master Gardener program the rights to exhibit this work publicly or privately. I waive all claims to compensation for the use of photos, video or audio clips of me.

I attest that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement and full agreement of understanding above, and am competent to execute this agreement.

First and last name

Date

Initial

Checking this box certifies that the information submitted through this application is correct and that I agree to follow the stipulations outlined in the Agreement of Understanding.

Thank you for applying to the Master Gardener Volunteer Program!



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