University of Idaho Extension – Nez Perce County

Master Gardener Code of Conduct

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

The UI Extension Master Gardener Program provides objective, research-based educational programs accessible to all Idaho residents. The primary purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Master Gardener participants (i.e. audiences, professionals, and volunteers). Master Gardener volunteers are expected to function within the guidelines of University of Idaho Extension and the UI Extension Master Gardener Program.

When volunteering as an UI Extension Master Gardener, I will:

- Represent UI Extension, the UI 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 UI Extension, the UI Extension Master Gardener Program and my local or county Master Gardener Program
- Learn about, know and uphold the policies of the UI Extension, the UI 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 unbiased recommendations made as a representative of this organization
- Follow through and complete accepted tasks in a timely manner
- Use garden tools and equipment in a responsible manner when working in an UI Extension Master Gardener demonstration garden or other Master Gardener site
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by UI Extension, the UI Extension Master Gardener Program, and my local or county Extension Master Gardener Program.
- Accept assignments suited to my personal interests and skills
- Participate in staff and program evaluations
- Be willing to use and teach research-based practices and concepts, in an unbiased 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 UI Extension Master Gardener Program.

Signature _____ Date_____

Printed name _____

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