

## **Master Gardener Activities That Meet Educational Goals and Liability Insurance Requirements**

- Serve as neighborhood “plant expert” in own community by answering home gardening questions, diagnosing plant problems and/or instructing neighbors on proper care of lawn, landscape, garden, or house plants.
  - Answer home horticulture questions and diagnose plant problems for home gardeners at Extension Office.
  - Staff plant problem clinic at libraries, community gardens, fairs, flower shows, community events, nurseries/garden centers.
  - Staff extension-sponsored information booth at fairs, flower shows, community events, malls/shopping centers, farmers market, nurseries, garden centers.
  - Give general-use pesticide recommendations to home gardeners.
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- Teach Master Gardener training sessions or extension home garden classes.
  - Give horticulture-related demonstrations and/or talks to garden clubs, civic groups or at fairs, flower shows, community events.
  - Demonstrate safe use of pesticide sprayers.
  - Demonstrate safe use of power garden equipment including tractors, tillers, mowers, shredders or chippers.
  - Operate tractor, tiller, mower, shredder, or chipper while doing MG activity.
  - Use hand pruners, loppers, hand saws while doing MG activity.
  - Use other hand equipment such as shovels, rakes, hoes, trowels while doing MG activity.
  - Teach plant propagation where participants use sharp knives.
  - Conduct pruning demonstrations for home gardeners.
  - Serve on municipal street tree/shade tree committee.
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- Build tabletop displays.
  - Create posters, flyers, program announcements.
  - Prepare visuals/graphics for short horticultural programs and/or publications.
  - Write pamphlets, fact sheets, or articles for newspapers, magazines, extension newsletters.
  - Host, produce, or appear as guest on radio/TV and/or use station’s radio/TV equipment.
  - Photograph extension/MG events.
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- Solicit donations, haul wood, pallets, plants in own vehicle for extension projects.
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- Design and install landscape around extension office (for educational value).
  - Maintain extension office landscape as demonstration garden.
  - Develop community garden plots.
  - Develop or assist with community beautification projects (for educational value)
  - Develop demonstration gardens for schools or communities.

- Assist with community composting projects.
- Build compost bins (for use in demonstrations).
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- Build bird/bat boxes, and/or teach others how to build bird/bat boxes.
- Build raised beds/gardens for disabled.
- Provide assistance to horticultural therapy programs for emotionally/physically/mentally disabled such as at Sr. Citizen Center, nursing homes, county home, rehabilitation farm, Association for Retarded Citizen's Center, state/county prison, youth detention.
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- Teach 4-H school enrichment Meet the Plants, Growing Sprouts, etc.
- Provide horticulture training for 4-H Leaders.
- Serve as a 4-H club leader for plant science only.
- Serve as 4-H judging team coach for plant science only.
- Chaperone 4-H field trips for plant science only.
- Teach plant science at 4-H camp.
- Judge 4-H projects, school science fair projects in plant science.
- Judge horticulture for community fairs, flower shows.
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- Organize plant swaps.
- Organize horticulture educational bus trips/tours.
- Lead garden tours.
- Conduct twilight neighborhood how-to tours/meetings.
- Open their gardens to the public for tours/demonstrations.
- Drive county van to/on garden tours.
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- Assist with planting and maintaining variety trials at experimental farm.
- Test & evaluate new varieties of vegetables, turf, ornamentals, flowers.
- Assist with data collection for sweet corn research project.
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- Assist with, or organize horticultural files in extension office.
- Coordinate Master Gardener activities in the county.
- Serve on Extension Board.
- Serve on Extension Advisory Council.
- Serve as liaison between extension office and municipal officials.
- Serve on state/regional/national Master Gardener committee(s).

## **Activities That Do Not Meet Educational Goals or Liability Insurance Requirements.**

- Perform pesticide applications.
- Develop and deliver training for garden center employees, grounds manager, nursery personnel.
- Teach pruning to municipal tree trimmers (arborists).
- Design gardens/landscapes for schools or communities (non-educational).
- Maintain gardens for schools, civic groups, communities.
- Maintenance of public gardens/arboreta.
- Maintenance of municipal parks.
- Maintenance of state/national parks.
- Organize community garden club.
- Establish and manage Farmer's Market.
- Grow or harvest crops for distribution to food bank/soup kitchen (unless food is from an educational project).

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- Glean fields/orchards for distribution to food bank.
- Clean up litter along highway.
- Clean up litter at parts or playgrounds.
- Recycling cans and bottles, newspapers, plastic nursery pots.

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- Serve as 4-H Leader, judge, chaperone for activities not horticulture related.
- Serve as Friends of 4-H, 4-H Curriculum Development committee.
- Operate chain saws while performing Master Gardener activity.