

YEARLY UNH MASTER GARDENER RENEWAL CONTRACT

To remain active as a participant in the University of New Hampshire Master Gardener Program, I will support Cooperative Extension's expanded efforts to disseminate horticultural information. I understand this is a program for non-professionals. To remain active I agree to annually:

- (1) Attend at least one continuing education event sponsored by UNHCE.
(Examples: NH Master Gardener Continuing Education events, County twilight meetings.)
- (2) Donate, by Sept 30 each year, fifteen hours as a volunteer for activities approved and mutually agreed upon by UNH Cooperative Extension, and as described in my volunteer description.
- (3) Abide by the following rules and regulations:
 - a. Answer horticultural questions from the public accurately and in accordance with the principles taught in my Master Gardener training, using research based information.
 - b. Identify myself as a Master Gardener only when doing unpaid public service work in the Master Gardener Program.
 - c. Never use the title "Master Gardener" in commercial advertising.
- (4) Welcome all individuals to participate in Master Gardener programs and activities regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status or marital status.
- (5) At any time that I drive a private motor vehicle as part of my assigned duties as a UNH Cooperative Extension volunteer, I will have a valid operator's license and automobile liability coverage. I will comply with state and federal laws pertaining to such vehicles, including valid vehicle registration, inspection, and availability and use of seat belts. I will abide by the Cooperative Extension Transportation Policy (attached.)

I understand the risks, hazards and dangers inherent in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of my volunteer activities. I agree for myself and my heirs, to release and hold harmless, defend and indemnify the University of New Hampshire, its trustees, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, from and against all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action as a result of my personal injury, death, or property damage sustained by me or by others due to my volunteer activity, including my operation of a motor vehicle.

Master Gardener Volunteers, acting on behalf of UNH Cooperative Extension and within the scope of their volunteer responsibilities, are covered by the University System of New

Hampshire comprehensive general liability policy. Transportation is excluded under this policy.

Please note: Master Gardner certification is valid only when you are participating in an Extension-sponsored or –coordinated program or activity and only for as long as you are active in the Master Gardener Program.

Name of Volunteer (Please print) _____

Volunteer's Signature _____ Date: _____

Graduation Year: _____ County: _____

Extension Educator's Signature _____

This renewal is good for one year from the date signed above. One purpose of this agreement is to comply with the provisions of RSA 508:17, the NH Volunteer Immunity Law.