

## WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Pest Management Recommendations Agreement

Protection of the environment and human health concerns everyone. In order to reduce the misuse of pesticides and to promote safe and effective pest management methods, Washington State University (WSU) Extension Master Gardeners are required to subscribe to the following policies. This agreement will serve as a formal basis for Master Gardener involvement in pest management recommendations.

1. I understand that as a WSU Extension Master Gardener my pest management recommendations must be limited to home, lawn, and garden problems. Questions concerning commercial crop production, commercial pest management, aquatic weed management, and pesticide liability are to be referred to the county Extension Educator.
2. I understand that as a WSU Extension Master Gardener, I may only recommend a chemical for home and garden pest management if that use has been recommended by WSU. WSU Recommendations of chemicals registered for home and garden use only are contained in Hortsense and current WSU Extension publications. All pest or crop/site uses listed on a pesticide label are not necessarily recommended by WSU.
3. I understand that as a WSU Extension Master Gardener, I may **only** recommend biological control organisms or other non-chemical alternatives for home and garden pest management if the recommended use is contained in current WSU Extension publications or other publications recognized as credible by WSU Scientists.
4. I understand that as a WSU Extension Master Gardener, I will provide both chemical and non-chemical pest management recommendations allowing the client a choice of strategies.
5. I understand that pesticides must be applied with care and only to plants, animals, or sites listed on the label and recommended by WSU. When mixing and applying pesticides, all label precautions must be followed to protect the applicator, other persons, and the environment. It is a violation of law to disregard label directions. If there is any apparent conflict between label directions and the pesticide uses suggested by WSU publications, the county Extension Educator must be consulted.
6. I understand that as a Master Gardener, I am not required to be a licensed pest management consultant to recommend pesticides registered for home and garden use only. I further understand that my completion of WSU Extension Master Gardener training is not equal to pesticide licensing.
7. I understand that as a WSU Extension Master Gardener, I am considered a volunteer representative of WSU. Therefore, WSU will assume liability for my pest management recommendations, but **only** if my recommendations are limited to management measures that are both recommended by WSU for home and garden use and listed in the WSU Extension publications or other WSU-approved pest management references.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, as a WSU Extension Master Gardener, I will subscribe to the above requirements.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No, I cannot subscribe to the above policy, and I understand that I therefore cannot be certified as a WSU Extension Master Gardener.**

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

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

County \_\_\_\_\_

*Program Coordinators: Please keep signed copies of these agreements at your local Extension office.*