

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION GENESEE MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

To support the MSU Extension - Genesee County in meeting the needs of our citizens in the area of consumer horticulture by assisting with educational outreach programs, diagnosing plant problems, and making environmentally sound cultural and pest management recommendations.

TIME REQUIRED:

Volunteer hours may vary depending on the particular project. Hours are available during the week as well as evenings and weekends. A total of 40 hours must be donated within one year from the completion of the class in order to become a Master Gardener. Twenty of the forty hours will be spent in our office on the MSU Extension Plant and Pest Hotline, which is open Mon-Wed-Fri from 8:30 am to 1 pm, answering phone calls and assisting walk-in clientele.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The Master Gardener candidate must:
- Show an interest in, enthusiasm for, and knowledge of gardening,
- Be able to read, write and comprehend the information presented in the Master Gardener training sessions,
- Pass all weekly quizzes and the final exam in order to volunteer in the program,
- Be able to communicate information to the gardening public by phone and in person,
- Provide his/her own transportation to training and volunteer activities.

LOCATION:

MSU Extension - Genesee County, 605 N. Saginaw St., Suite 1A, Flint, MI 48502. (810) 244-8500. The office is open from 8am to 1pm daily.

SUPPORT PROVIDED:

In addition to the Michigan Master Gardener Manual, the Extension office has an extensive collection of reference materials to assist Master Gardeners in answering questions and requests for information. If a Master Gardener volunteer is unable to assist a county resident, questions and requests are referred to the Master Gardener Coordinator, Horticulture Educator or other appropriate staff.