

Detailed list of MG/MN Activity categories

Note: Your local Extension staff may have the events in Givepulse for your county titled differently. This list outlines the statewide general categories that MG and MN activities fall under.

Citizen Science

Use this opportunity to report volunteer hours spent on citizen science opportunities. Projects may include I-Pollinate, CoCorahs, I-tick, Butterfly Monitoring, I-Naturalist, Bird Count/Bird Conservation, Riverwatch and others.

Information Services

Use this opportunity to report volunteer hours spent providing gardening information to others and answering garden questions. Examples include working on the MG hotline/help desk, answering questions at a table or booth in the public, giving a garden tour, or docent services.

Extension Supported Gardens

Use this opportunity to report volunteer hours spent working on gardens that are supported by Extension. Examples include food donation gardens, demonstration gardens, community gardens, etc. As well as the Give Back Gardening home food donation project. Work may include planting, weeding, and general garden maintenance completed in order to support the other educational uses of the garden.

Stewardship

Use this opportunity to report volunteer hours spent on environmental stewardship activities. These could include community stewardship programs, like recycling and medicine take back programs, natural areas stewardship, like trail maintenance, as well as invasive species management.

Direct General Education

Use this opportunity to report volunteer hours spent educating adult learners or mixed aged audiences about gardening. Examples could include teaching a program at the local library, garden club, or Extension office, working with a targeted population at a local hospital or nursing home, etc. Also includes educating Extension staff or your fellow Master Gardeners at an internal meeting or program.

Direct Youth Education

Use this opportunity to report any volunteer hours spent educating youth on gardening. Examples could include after school programs, Junior Master Gardener programs, summer camps, judging projects at county fairs, and others.

Indirect Outreach and Education

Use this opportunity to report volunteer hours spent on creating gardening resources like guides, fact sheets, newsletters, webpages, articles, and videos. Also includes social media education and real time indirect education and information given on TV, radio, and other live shows.

Program Support



Use this opportunity to report volunteer hours spent on the administrative and internal tasks that can help support Extension and the Master Gardener program. Activities include attending MG meetings, room hosting at Extension events, mentoring MG trainees, and time spent supporting program fundraisers like plant sales and garden walks.

Continuing Education

Use this opportunity to report hours spent on continuing education. Educational offerings may include attending webinars and in-person classes, watching videos, auditing MG training, and others. This education must be Extension staff approved and may be Extension-provided or Non-Extension-provided.