

MAINTAINING MASTER GARDENER STATUS

Master Gardeners who desire to stay with the program after completing their initial training and internship commitments are required to complete additional training, education and volunteer hours to maintain their Master Gardener status.

Virginia Beach Master Gardeners must complete a total of forty (40) volunteer hours of which eight hours (8) must be in continuing or advanced education. This obligation can be accomplished through quarterly continuing education programs at the local level, regional programs, special events approved by the Extension Agent, or attendance at Master Gardener College.

Volunteer work hours must be accomplished in specific areas designated and approved by the Extension Agent.

Master Gardeners must maintain a listing of hours contributed to the program and submit their hours on the Master Gardener Activity report on a monthly basis. This report may be submitted to the Extension Agent office or mailed to Virginia Tech.

An individual who does not meet these requirements will be designated inactive by the Extension Agent. The individual is subject to removal from the mailing lists and is not eligible to attend training during the inactive period. The Extension Agent will determine if the individual can resume active status in the future.