Master Gardener Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is a contractual agreement accepted by service learning participants who commit to the University Extension Master Gardener Program. The Code shall guide the participant’s behavior during their involvement with the Master Gardener Program.

The UAF Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program provides objective, research-based educational programs accessible to all Alaska residents. The primary purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all Master Gardener participants (i.e. audiences, professionals, and volunteers). Master Gardener participants are expected to function within the guidelines of University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service and the UAF Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program.

When participating as an UAF Cooperative Extension Master Gardener, I will:

• Represent UAF Extension, the UAF Extension Master Gardener Program and my individual community program with professionalism, dignity and pride, and be responsible for conducting myself with courtesy and appropriate behavior.
• Promote and support the activities and programs of UAF Extension, the UAF Extension Master Gardener Program and my local Master Gardener Program.
• Learn about, know and uphold the policies of the UAF Extension, the UAF Extension Master Gardener Program and my local Master Gardener Program.
• Participate in orientation and training programs to help me work more effectively with appropriate audiences.
• Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
• Accept supervision and support from Extension faculty or staff while involved in the program.
• Keep personal opinions and actions separate from the research-based and unbiased recommendations made as a representative of this organization.
• Follow through and complete accepted tasks in a timely manner.
• Use garden tools and equipment in a responsible manner when working in an UAF Extension Master Gardener demonstration garden or other Master Gardener site.
• Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by UAF Extension, the UAF Extension Master Gardener Program, and my local Extension Master Gardener Program.
• Accept assignments suited to my personal interests and skills.
• Participate in staff and program evaluations.
• Be willing to use and teach research-based practices and concepts, in an unbiased manner.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct outlined above. I understand and agree that any action on my part that contradicts any portion of this Code is grounds for the suspension and/or termination of my participation with the UAF Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program.

Signature ___________________________ Date___________________________

Printed name _______________________

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