



Pest Management Information Policy

Protection of the environment and human health is a concern of everyone. In order to promote wise and effective pest management decisions, Purdue Master Gardener Program Volunteers are asked to subscribe to the following policies. This contract will serve as a formal basis for Master Gardeners when providing pest management information.

1. I understand that as a Master Gardener the pest management information I provide must be limited to home, lawn and garden problems. Questions concerning commercial crop production, commercial pest control, and pesticide liability are to be referred to the appropriate Purdue Extension Professional.
2. I understand that as a Master Gardener I will provide both non-chemical and chemical pest management information as approved by Purdue University Extension and allow the client his or her choice of strategies.
3. I understand that pesticides must be applied with care and only to plants, animals, or sites listed on the pesticide label. 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. I understand pesticide labels and Extension recommendations from other states may not be applicable or legal in the state of Indiana. I will attempt to communicate this information to the client along with the pest management options.
4. I understand that as a Master Gardener I am considered a volunteer representative of Purdue University Extension. Therefore, Purdue Extension will assume liability for the pest management information I provide, **only if the information is limited to accurate, documented control options approved by Purdue University Extension for home and garden use.**

I understand that if either myself, or the client, are not clear on information, we will request clarification from the appropriate Purdue Extension Professional.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____