

**Master Gardener Program
Summary of Requirement Changes for Certification
November 25, 2003**

All current Master Gardeners:

Master Gardener Status	Volunteer Hours	Educational Training Hours
Master Gardener	30	30 (Intern training, pass exam)
Advanced Master Gardener	25	6 (attend approved seminars and programs)
"Active" (minimum requirement each year)	12 each year (new requirement, used to be 25 hours)	6 (attend approved seminars and programs)
Bronze badge	200 (cumulative)	60 (cumulative)
Silver badge	500 (cumulative)	75 (cumulative)
Gold badge	1000 (cumulative)	100 (cumulative)

New requirements beginning with the 2004 class:

Master Gardener Status	<u>Cumulative</u> Volunteer Hours	<u>Cumulative</u> Educational Training Hours
Master Gardener	35	35 (Intern training, pass exam)
Advanced Master Gardener	60	45 (attend approved seminars and programs)
"Active" (minimum requirement each year)	12 (not cumulative) each year	6 (not cumulative) (attend approved seminars and programs)
Bronze badge	200	60
Silver badge	500	75
Gold badge	1000	100

Reporting Deadlines?

I would like for all Interns to have their volunteer hours completed within a year after completion of their Intern training but this is not a hard and fast rule. Also, I would like to have all certified Master Gardeners to report their yearly hours by September 1. This date was chosen because Purdue asks me to report program impacts shortly after this date each year. It is helpful to have Master Gardener hours for this report to Purdue.

Badge Orders?

I will continue to order badges in early March and early September to be awarded at the Volunteer Project Fair and MCMGA Christmas Dinner each year. That doesn't necessarily mean I will not order badges throughout the rest of the year but I'd like to consolidate the orders as much as possible.

Forms?

Please use the updated yellow form for reporting volunteer and educational hours.

