

Guidelines for Rutgers Master Gardener School and Community Projects

Master Gardeners WILL DO List

- Will provide services to only non-profit or not-for-profit organizations
- Will serve in an **advisory capacity** to educate the project participants in
 - Good garden design
 - Proper plant selection (especially non-invasive, native plants)
 - Sound horticultural and environmental practices
 - Soil preparation, including pH testing and soil analysis
 - Planting
 - Watering
 - Fertilizing
 - Mulching
 - Maintenance of newly planted stock
 - Weeding
 - Deadheading
 - Pruning
- Will set up a volunteer team of Master Gardeners to mentor the project
- Will welcome coverage by local press that promotes the Master Gardener program and the efforts of our volunteers to help others in the community
- Will provide the Administrator(s) of the facility with these guidelines

Master Gardeners WILL NOT DO List

- Will not provide manual labor
- Will not provide plant or other garden material
- Will not provide tools or other gardening equipment
- Will not be responsible for supervising project participants in the absence of the professional staff
- Will not continue a project at a facility whose Administration does not prepare for us by having project participants and supervisory professional staff ready to participate in scheduled gardening activities

I understand the above guidelines.

Facility Administrator _____ Title _____
Facility _____ Date _____

Please mail to Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County, Rutgers Master Gardener Education Outreach Committee, 1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, NJ 08755-1199.

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