



Rutgers Master Gardeners of Ocean County
Education Outreach Committee
 2026 Guidelines for School and Community Projects

Rutgers 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 on:
 - Good garden design
 - Proper plant selection (primarily focusing on 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 organize a volunteer team of Rutgers Master Gardeners to mentor the project.
- ❖ Will welcome coverage from local media that promotes the Rutgers Master Gardener program and highlights the efforts of our volunteers in the community.
- ❖ Will provide the administrators of the facility with these guidelines.

Rutgers Master Gardeners WILL NOT DO List

- ❖ Will not provide manual labor.
- ❖ Will not provide plants or other garden materials.
- ❖ 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 without proper preparation, including having project participants and supervisory professional staff ready for scheduled gardening activities.

I understand and will adhere to the above guidelines.

Facility Administrator _____ Title _____

Facility _____ Date _____