



# Master Gardener Volunteer Cheat Sheet

## Master Gardener Volunteer Service

Annual minimum: 20 hours (active status)

### Educational Outreach

- Teaching workshops
- Teaching youth
- Staffing booths at which you answer garden questions or education the public (State Fair)
- Interviews (radio, tv, or other)
- Writing articles on horticultural topics

### Service

- Public beautification projects\*
- Community garden projects\*
- Planting trees or pruning trees\*
- Citizen science including CoCoRAHS, seed trials, rose trials, etc.

### Support

- Attending club meetings
- Planning/preparing club events
- Planning/preparing for Annual Update Conference
- Prepping for an education booth
- Social media

\* These are permissible IF there is an educational component.

## Continuing Education

Annual minimum: 10 hours (active status)

### Enhancing YOUR Education

It is important to stay up-to-date on the latest research and information so as to properly inform the public. Continuing Education may include:

- Organized class, workshop, seminar, lecture, webinar, etc.
- May be face-to-face or online
- Instructors may include experts from the horticulture industry/association professional (or a related industry). Instructors may also include government agencies such as SDSU, Department of Agriculture or conservation districts.
- Time spent reading horticulture-related education materials (example Tree Pest Alert)
- Time spent researching horticulture topics in preparation for a Master Gardener presentation
- Time spent learning from other Master Gardeners who give horticulture presentations.
- **Remember:** Continuing Education must be research-based, scientifically defensible and appropriate to South Dakota's climate and conditions.