



Rutgers Master Gardener Program of Burlington County Pesticide Management Recommendation Agreement

Protection of the environment and human health concerns everyone. In order to reduce the misuse of pesticides and to promote safe and effective pest management methods, Rutgers Master Gardeners in Burlington County are required to subscribe to the following policies. This agreement will serve as a formal basis for Master Gardener involvement in pest management recommendations.

1. I understand that as a Rutgers Master Gardener my pest management recommendations must be limited to home, lawn, and garden problems. Questions concerning commercial crop production, commercial pest management, aquatic weed management, and pesticide liability are to be referred to Extension staff.
2. I understand that as a Rutgers Master Gardener, I may only recommend a chemical for home and garden pest management if that use has been recommended by Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension or other approved extension publications.
3. I understand that as a Rutgers Master Gardener, I may only recommend biological control organism or other non-chemical alternatives for home and garden pest management if the recommended use is contained in current Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension publications or other approved publication.
4. I understand that as a Rutgers Master Gardener, I will provide both chemical and non-chemical pest management recommendations allowing the client a choice of strategies.
5. I understand that pesticides must be applied with care and only to plants, animals, or sites listed on the label and recommended in Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension publications or other approved publications. 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. If there is any apparent conflict between label directions and the pesticide suggested by Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension publications, the RCE Agricultural Agent must be consulted.
6. I understand that as a Master Gardener, I am not required to be a licensed pest management consultant to recommend pesticides registered for home and garden use only. I further understand that my completion of Rutgers Master Gardener training is not equal to pesticide licensing.
7. I understand that as a Rutgers Master Gardener, I am considered a volunteer representative of Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension. Therefore, Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension will assume liability for my pest management recommendations, but only if my recommendations are limited to management measures that are both recommended by Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension of Burlington County for home and garden use and listed in the Rutgers Pest Control Recommendations guide book or other publications recognized as credible by Rutgers NJAES Cooperative Extension of Burlington County.

_____ **Yes, as a Rutgers Master Gardener, I will subscribe to the above requirement.**

_____ **No, I cannot subscribe to the above policy, and I understand that I therefore cannot be certified as a Rutgers Master Gardener.**

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____