THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER
PEST MANAGEMENT INFORMATION POLICY

(Sign and return to Extension Office)

Protection of the environment and human health is a concern of everyone. In order to promote wise and effective pest management decisions, the Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are asked to subscribe to the following policies. This contract will serve as a formal basis for Master Gardener Volunteers when providing pest management information.

1. I understand that as a Master Gardener Volunteer the pest management information I provide must be limited to home, lawn, and garden problems; questions concerning commercial crop production, commercial pest control, and pesticide liability are to be referred to the appropriate Extension Professional.

2. I understand that as a Master Gardener Volunteer I will provide both nonchemical and chemical pest management information as approved by Ohio State University Extension and allow the client his or her choice of strategies.

3. I understand that pesticides must be applied with care and only to plants, animals or sites listed on the pesticide label. 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. I will attempt to communicate this information to the client along with the pest management options.

4. I understand that as a Master Gardener Volunteer I am considered a volunteer representative of Ohio State University Extension. Therefore, OSU Extension will assume liability for the pest management information I provide, **only if the information is limited to accurate, documented control options approved by Ohio State University Extension for home and garden use**.

I understand that if either I or the client is not clear on information, we will request clarification from the appropriate Extension Professional.

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Volunteer Signature Date Extension Professional Signature Date

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