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Hello UVM Extension Master Gardeners!

Thank you for all of your volunteer efforts in 2025! We need you to report your Extension Master Gardener (EMG) volunteer hours so we can fully capture and communicate the incredible impact you're having as you share science-driven, sustainable gardening knowledge across Vermont.

On this form, enter the volunteer efforts you conducted for calendar year 2025 (January 1 - December 31, 2025).

We need to hear from everyone interested in staying active with the program! Please complete this form whether you were able to volunteer this year or not. Reporting hours annually is required to remain active in the program.

The deadline to submit hours is January 31, 2026.

Completing the Form:

To ensure that you don't lose responses, be sure to use only one device (computer, cell phone, tablet, etc.) to complete the entire survey. You should be able to come back to your

entries until you hit the completed button. An answer is required for all questions. If a question does not apply to you, enter N/A to move forward.

For Volunteers Who are Both EMGs and Vermont Master Composters:

If you took the composter course in 2024 or earlier and became a Vermont Master Composter, please use this form to enter the hours you contributed to gardening / EMG volunteerism; enter your Vermont Master Composter hours in the separate reporting form.

If you took the composter course in 2025, please report all volunteers hours (gardening and composting topics) here. Thanks!

Volunteer Requirements:

To earn certification, Extension Master Gardener (EMG) interns must contribute at least 40 volunteer hours on approved EMG projects, educational programs you provide, and/or Chapter business meetings within 2 years of completing the course. Volunteers who are already certified must contribute at least 25 volunteer hours each year (5 of which can be hours earned through participating in continuing education opportunities), and submit a \$25 renewal fee to maintain certification. Lifetime volunteers (those who have contributed 1000+ volunteer hours) must

contribute at least 10 volunteer hours each year (5 of which can be continuing education); the renewal fee is optional.

Questions? Email master.gardener@uvm.edu if you have questions or need assistance in completing the form.

Contact Information:

Please enter your contact information. We use this information to ensure that our database and listserv(s) are up-to-date.

First Name

Last Name

Street/Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Preferred Phone #

County of Residence

Your Volunteerism in 2025

Please respond to the questions below, even if you did not volunteer in 2025 (0 hours). It is important to us to learn from you about the successes and challenges you encountered during the year.

Please select the option that applies to you.

- ☐ I am a certified EMG volunteer and I was able to volunteer this year.

- ☐ I am a certified EMG volunteer and I did NOT volunteer this year.
- ☐ I am an EMG intern and I was able to complete my 40 intern volunteer hours this year.
- ☐ I am an EMG intern and am still working on my volunteer hours.
- ☐ I am an EMG intern and I did NOT volunteer this year.

You indicated that you did not volunteer this year. Please let us know below the challenges you faced that prohibited you from volunteering.

Do you intend to volunteer in 2026?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, please move me to Alumni status.
- ☐ Not Sure

ENTER YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please report below the total hours you volunteered in 2025. These are hours you spent preparing for and delivering education to others.

Do **NOT** include your continuing education hours here (hours you were learning yourself).

Eligible volunteer hours include time helping with approved EMG projects; preparing & delivering education to Vermonters (including project gardens); staffing EMG tables & exhibits; staffing the Helpline; Chapter steering committee activities; and responding to volunteer opportunities from the listserv (including citizen science projects like CoCoRaHS). If you are unsure if an activity is eligible for volunteer hours, please check our website.

Note: CoCoRaHS weather reporting is capped at 18 hours per year.

Enter numbers only. (No text, please. If you did not volunteer, enter 0).

ENTER YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

Certified EMGs: Please enter the hours you spent learning through horticulture-related lectures, workshops, demonstrations, guided garden tours, symposiums given by educators, professionals or Master Gardener volunteers. These should include science-based educational content and may include events at EMG Chapter meetings, EMG advanced trainings, Garden Clubs, libraries, nurseries or greenhouses, colleges & universities, museums, state agencies, online modules and webinars, etc.

Please choose your total continuing education hours for the year.

0

1

2

3

4

5

In a few words, please describe the topics covered in the continuing education events you attended.

HOW DID YOU VOLUNTEER?

Please list the approved EMG projects for which you

volunteered. If you conducted other program volunteer activities in 2025, please describe those efforts here too.

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WHO YOU REACHED

We ask how many people you reached so we can understand the scope of the program's reach. Do your best to give as accurate numbers as you can--it is okay to provide a realistic estimate.

If you reached the same person with different educational activities, it is okay to count them more than once.

Direct Contacts: These are direct educational exchanges with the public/clients. Examples: Helpline clients, workshop participants, students in a class or presentation, people you interacted with at an Info table or demo garden, etc. Think of direct contacts as face-to-face.

Indirect Contacts: These are people you reached through outreach efforts like newsletters, garden columns, television, social media, etc. Think of indirect contact as people you reached but did not have direct interaction.

Enter numbers only (no text or symbols please) for the # of adults and kids you reached.

	# of Adults	# of Youth
Direct Contact	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Indirect Contact	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

YOUR 2025 VOLUNTEER STORY

What types of educational activities did you offer this year? How many, and on what topics? Your detailed story helps us capture and celebrate the impact volunteers are making across Vermont. You may respond with a bulleted list or a short paragraph—specifics are especially helpful.

Examples:

- I taught 24 second graders about insects and IPM at Edmunds Elementary School in Burlington.
- I staffed an EMG table at the Vermont Pollinator Awareness Day and answered 45 gardening questions from the public.
- I gave a tour of the library demo garden project to 10 garden club members.

- I served on my chapter's steering committee as chapter treasurer.

SHARE YOUR 2025 "SO WHAT'S" & SUCCESSES

Please write a short paragraph about your individual volunteer successes. We want to hear your "so whats" or the outcomes of your amazing efforts. This is your chance to share what you were most proud of this year. What do you want people across the state to know about your volunteer efforts? Collectively, we can demonstrate the value of our program in the daily lives of Vermonters!

UPLOAD PHOTOS

Please upload up to 3 photos that capture your volunteer efforts this year. Great examples include volunteers working together, answering gardener questions, staffing

educational tables, giving presentations, or showcasing EMG/MC project signs and garden sites. We use these photos to illustrate the amazing work you're doing.

Upload Photo:

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Use only to assist with preparation for online hours reporting only.

FOR INTERN VOLUNTEERS ONLY WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INITIAL 40 INTERN VOLUNTEER HOURS:

If you are an intern and have completed your initial 40 intern volunteer hours towards certification (within 2 yrs. of taking the course), please write your name below as you would like it to appear on your badge.

Enter your name here.

FOR LEADERS OF APPROVED PROJECTS

Did you lead / co-lead an approved project in 2025? If your name does not appear below, select "no".

2025 approved EMG project leaders: Susan Adams, Faith Alexandre, Jacqueline Allen, Marie Ambusk, Mary Ashcroft, Anne Awad, Rachel Babin, Barbara Ball, Nancy Banks, Martha Beauchamp, Nancy Bernier, Kim Blair, Jules Boger-Hawkins, Cathy Boyd, Carrie Bryan, Steve Budington, Alex Bunten, Karen Burke, Leslie Carew, Phil Carter, Joni Charbonneau, Jennifer Chiodo, Debbie Clark, Mia Clark, Fiona Cook, Deb Curtis, Rosemary Czapor, Michele Delhaye, Karen DeMoy, Marion Gerald, Irene Goyette, Denise Green, Heather Hamilton, Virginia Haviland, Megan Herrington, Emily Hilbert, Jerri Hoffman, Kristin Hubbs, Betsy Jaffe, Shari Johnson, Pam Kennedy, Ricky Klein, Frankie Knibb, Robert Kurth, Andrea Landsberg, Bartlett Leber, Bob Little Tree, Becky Manning, Lori Martin,

Sidney McLam, Melissa Meola, Kate Mesaros, Allison Oskar, Julie Parker-Dickerson, Karen Patno, Barbara Paulson, Enrique Peredo, Gail Poitras, Mary Jane Poynter, Dawn Ridolfo, Maggie Rubick, Margery Salmon, Christina Shaw, Jan Sherman, Robilee Smith, Dan Steinbauer, Jennifer Trapani, Karen Tuininga, Kelly Wakefield, Kitty Werner, Patti Westburg, & John Wurst (contact Deb if you lead an approved project but do not appear on this list)

☐ Yes

☐ No

What is the name of the approved Extension Master Gardener project(s) that you lead?

Thank you for your leadership! The next few questions will help us respond to the National Extension Master Gardener survey.

Is your project one of the following? Please check only one. (If your project does not fit one of the below, skip to the

next).

- ☐ A community or public food garden.
- ☐ A school garden that grows vegetables and fruit.
- ☐ A community or public pollinator garden.
- ☐ A school garden that grows pollinator plants.
- ☐ A garden that is specifically in place to demonstrate climate resiliency.
- ☐ A wellness garden.

Did your project donate fresh produce? If yes, please estimate the number of lbs. of produce your project donated. If you did not donate, please enter 0 to move forward.

BIG PICTURE STATEMENT

Describe the long-term or “big picture” impacts you are accomplishing or intend to accomplish with your project. You may include health, social, environmental, or economic impacts that you and your fellow volunteers have made. Think broadly and into the future. Please do not skip this question—it is essential for our reporting.

If you wish, select one of the following sentence starters to help you respond.

- Our project is helping our community by...
- Because of our efforts, Vermonters are now...
- This project supports healthier communities by...
- In the future, we expect our efforts to result in...
- One lasting impact of this project is...

Do you intend to lead your project(s) again in 2026?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (please contact debra.heleba@uvm.edu so she can assist with recruiting for a project leader replacement).

Annual Certification Renewal Fee:

- Certified EMG volunteers should submit a \$25 certification renewal fee to maintain your certification. Your renewal fees go towards supporting program expenses like program signs and brochures,

volunteer badges and certificates, and continuing education events.

- Interns are exempt from submitting the annual certification renewal fee.
- Lifetime volunteers (those who have donated 1000+ volunteer hours) are also not required to submit the renewal fee.

Upon completion of this volunteer hours form, you will be directed to the UVM Foundation website.

Again, Certified EMGs should submit their annual recertification fee; interns and lifetime volunteers need not submit the fee. If you wish, you may make a program donation (completely optional).

Thank you!