

New VRS Reporting Categories for Volunteer Hours

Recertification requirements:

20 hours of approved volunteer work and 10 hours of Continuing Education each reporting year (Nov 1- Oct 31)

| VRS Category | Purpose | Example: Benton County MG Activity |
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| Plant Clinic | Categorizes work involved in any kind of plant clinic in any location. (includes time spent researching answers) | - 'The desk' at the Extension office - Clinic table in the community (Farmer's Market, etc.) - Ask An Expert |
| Instructor | Used for any kind of activity where you act as an instructor, teacher, demonstrator, etc. | Teaching & prep for Plant Problem Scenarios, Seed to Supper, class held at Demo Garden, any time you act as an instructor, etc. |
| Educational Garden | For labor in demonstration gardens, greenhouses, beautification where it involves plant identification and education, etc. | -Demo Garden -Central Park -Fairgrounds Entrance Garden |
| Educational Writing | Any kind of media, communication, publicity or PR work which is intended to educate or inform to public or Master Gardeners. | -writing for Growing, Gardener's Pen -Posts on our Facebook page |
| Educational Event Planning | Involvement in any kind of Educational Event (includes set-up and clean up, event planning meeting attendance and preparation, etc.) | - BCMGA Seminars - Gearing Up for Gardening - Insights into Gardening - Spring Garden Festival |
| Master Gardener Class Mentor | Assuming the role of mentor for MG classes or training | -Mentor, including at home communication & class prep |
| Fundraiser | Involvement in any kind of fundraising activity. | -Plant Sale |
| Extension Office Support | Volunteering to help in the Extension Office. | -Office Support |
| MG Association | Volunteering for the association, holding an office in the association, attending association meetings, etc. | - BCMGA/OMGA Board Meeting attendance, prep -Attending association business meetings -general committee work |
| Other Approved Projects | Any other volunteer work which is part of an approved project by Elizabeth or Brooke. | |

Questions about how to categorize your hours? Please consult with Elizabeth or Brooke.