

Douglas County Master Gardeners

RECERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

We've all heard that "recertification" is coming! For our chapter, this requirement is for MG's who want to do clinic, outreach, and teaching. Recertification for Master Gardeners is necessary in the second year and annually after completing the first year of training and doing your 60 hours of volunteer time.

If you are not doing clinic, outreach, or teaching, you do not have to recertify.

Timesheet Modification for 2017 - Recertification

Our timesheets have been modified to include buckets at the bottom of the form for recertification time. You should continue to report your hours in the standard categories on the top section of the form as we have been doing. For those who want to get recertified, the hours completed that meet the category requirements, as described below, should also be recorded in the bottom section of the timesheet. For example, if you work in the Plant Clinic for 4 hours during a month and wish to have that time counted towards your recertification hours, you would record the time on the Plant Clinic line in the upper section of the form and also in the Service section at the bottom of the form.

Requirements for Recertification

Recertification requires 30 hours total with 20 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education. This recertification is valid for one year. Category details are listed below.

Service (20 hours total)

Direct and indirect educational hours (10 hours)

- Direct educational hours: Plant clinic, instructor, conference or seminar, educational gardens (making signs, teaching a class, leading a tour), writing articles for the paper or newsletter.
- Indirect educational hours: Planning committee for event, MG class mentor, educational garden maintenance for a garden used in teaching.

Support Hours (10 hours)

- Fundraisers (plant sale, trash to treasures, bake sale), office support, database work hours etc., photo copies for winter training program, MG association (serve as an officer, board member, OMGA rep).

Continuing Education (10 hours)

- Attend gardening seminars, workshops, and outreach programs (MG winter training) that are research based and taught by qualified instructors who the agent has supported. The curriculum should extend the MG Sustainable Gardening material.