

**The Northeastern Wisconsin (N.E.W) Master Gardeners Association,
By-Laws**



**ADDENDUM II
Approved Date 11/6/2024**


**MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION LEVELS LOCATED IN THE
MASTER GARDENER ONBOARDING MANUAL PUBLISHED BY EXTENSION AS
OF JANUARY 29, 2024**


Northeastern Wisconsin Master Gardener Members are designated by the University of Wisconsin-Division of Ext. to fall one of five participation levels listed below. Those N.E.W. Master Gardener members who reach “Honored” participation level (with proof of status) will pay no dues.

There are different designations that we use to help explain your participation level in the program. Your participation level can change from year to year depending on how many hours you complete and report. The hours you report into the Online Reporting System (ORS) by December 31 of each year determines your participation level for the following year. Here are the different participation levels associated with the program.


Participation Level	Criteria	Notes
CERTIFIED	<p>You reported BOTH a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service and a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education into the ORS by the December 31 deadline.</p> <p>You agree to Terms and Conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are considered a Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener in good standing. You are connected to program resources (i.e. Canvas, ORS, emails, etc.)
ACTIVE	<p>You reported at least 1 hour of volunteer service and 1 hour of continuing education but less than 24 hours of volunteer service or 10 continuing education hours into the ORS by the December 31 deadline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are considered a Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener in good standing. You are connected to program resources (i.e. Canvas, ORS, emails, etc.) All new and returning program participants who complete Onboarding will enter the program at this participation level.

	You agree to Terms and Conditions.	
INACTIVE	<p>You reported less than 1 hour in either volunteer service or continuing education into the ORS by the December 31 deadline. (This includes reporting no hours for the year.)</p> <p>You agree to Terms and Conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are considered a Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener in good standing. You are connected to program resources (i.e. Canvas, ORS, emails, etc.) All new and returning program participants who complete Onboarding will enter the program at this participation level.
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DEACTIVATED	<p>You reported less than 1 hour in either volu I 3 see if the levels can eventually fall off I don't know why you having such an issue yeah yeah I'm not sure are the head It said it was in 2024 we always stay I think that's really nteer service or continuing education into the ORS by the December 31 deadline for 3 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are considered Deactivated and are removed from the Extension Master Gardener Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are removed from receiving the Vibe newsletter list. Your ORS & Canvas accounts are deactivated. You are no longer affiliated with the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program and may not use the term "Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener." You may re-apply for admission according to the policy.
HONORED	<p>Criteria is currently being revised.</p> <p>You meet all program requirements and agree to terms and conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are considered a Wisconsin Master Gardener in good standing. You must submit materials within the application period. You are connected to program resources (i.e. Canvas, ORS, emails, etc.) Criteria is subject to change in the future.

 Terms and conditions include but are not limited to, the acceptance of any terms in the ORS on a yearly basis. Failure to agree to Terms and Conditions will result in a change from Certified, Active, or Honored to the Inactive participation level. The Master Gardener Program reserves the right to update as necessary.

 We understand that life doesn't always cooperate, and you may need to step away from the program at times. However, when you are ready to start participating again you **MUST** be familiar with and agree to the Terms and

Conditions of the program for that year. If you fail to meet the Terms and Conditions, the program reserves the right to withdraw your reported hours and continue your participation level as Inactive. Terms and Conditions include, but are not limited to, the acceptance of any terms in the ORS on a yearly basis. The Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program reserves the right to update as necessary.

 *Since the hours you report into the ORS by Dec. 31 determine your participation level the following year this means you held the participation level of Inactive for 2 years and then, instead of being assigned inactive for a third year, you become Deactivated.*