

Levels of Master Gardeners (MG)

- ❖ **RCE MG Intern:** Internship starts the day he/she is admitted into the program on the first day of class and continues until the RCE training program is complete. He/she continues with this status until a minimum of 60 volunteer hours are completed, usually within 12 to 18 months.
- ❖ **RCE Certified MG:** Volunteers who have completed 60 hours of volunteer service are considered Certified. In order to maintain this status, 25 hours of annual volunteer service and 10 hours of annual update education is required.
- ❖ **RCE Certified MG Educator:** A RCE Certified MG who in addition to above commitments, annually completes an additional 10 hours of specialized training and annually volunteers an additional 20 hours in service to the local or state program.
- ❖ **Lifetime/Honorary RCE MG:** Lifetime status as a RCE Certified MG or MG Educator is attained after accumulating 1000 hours of volunteer effort.
- ❖ **RCE MG Alumnus:** A RCE Certified MG or MG Educator who no longer maintains his/her annual active volunteer service or education update requirements before reaching the 1000 hours of a lifetime member.
- ❖ **Inactive Status/Leave of Absence:** Any RCE MG who is temporarily unable to fulfill RCE requirements for health, family or other personal reasons. Participants may remain on leave of absence upon approval of his or her local coordinator. *We in Union County, realize that sometimes health/family or other personal reasons may make it so that you are unable to volunteer. If this is your case, please notify us and we will be glad to have you return in the future. (Additional training may be required)*