

West Virginia Master Naturalist

Code of Ethics

Each member, in striving to meet the mission, goals and objectives of the Master Naturalist program, pledges to:

1. Subscribe to the highest standards of integrity and conduct.
2. Promote and support the statewide and local Master Naturalist program
3. Respect the state sponsors, WV DNR- Wildlife Diversity/WV State Parks, WVU Cooperative Extension and D&E College their roles and expectations.
4. Disseminate information to promote understanding of, and appreciation for, the values of our natural resources.
5. Strive to increase knowledge and skills to advance as a Master Naturalist volunteer.
6. Promote competence as a Master Naturalist volunteer by supporting high standards of education, service and performance.
7. Encourage the use of sound biological information in education and outreach and in management decisions.
8. Support fair and uniform standards of service and treatment of those engaged in the Master Naturalist program.
9. Know and follow established program guidelines and policies.
10. Avoid use of the Master Naturalist title, logos and trademarks for personal endeavors and/or profit.
11. Act as trustworthy and ethical stewards of the environment
12. Never inappropriately disturb or harass wildlife, never inappropriately remove anything from its natural state or area.