Communicating with Clients through Email Multnomah County

Email address for Multnomah County MGs

mcmastergardeners@yahoo.com

- To open Yahoo Email
 - Click Yahoo icon on the Task Bar at the bottom of the screen or double left click the Yahoo icon on Desk Top
 - o Wait briefly for the password screen
 - Click in box labeled Yahoo!ID
 - Type the Yahoo!ID exactly as posted
 - Click in the box labeled *Password* Type the password exactly as posted
 - (Note: Password is case-sensitive)
 - o Click on Sign In box

• To view client emails

- Click *Inbox* on left hand side of the Yahoo mail page
- Click on email to view
- Click on the *Check Mail* button periodically throughout the shift to check for new messages in the *Inbox*.
 - Check *Spam* folder periodically to make sure Client emails were not misdirected.
 - To move non-spam emails from the *Spam* folder to the Inbox, click on the message and drag it to the Inbox folder

• To respond to a client's email

- Click *Reply* box in the Inbox toolbar above the email
- Type your response
 - Review the message for completeness and accuracy.
 - Click on *Spelling* box and make necessary corrections.
- To send the email, left click *Send*
- Record the client contact in the Daily Log (see Tab B)
 (e.g. summarize client's question and MG response, including resource.)
- After responding to client, move the client's e-mail to a folder by left clicking the Move box, then clicking the appropriate folder.
- If you are unsure where to file the email, put it in the *Unsure Where to File* folder.

• End of Shift

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- File answered emails in the appropriate folder.
- The only emails remaining in the *Inbox* should be those that need attention by the next shift <u>or</u> those designated to remain in the *Inbox*.

Note: Please <u>do not change</u> any settings on the Multnomah County

Master Gardener Phone Clinic email account.

Attempts to change settings are tracked by the account managers.