

Composting

is an easy way to recycle yard wastes into a rich, natural soil conditioner.

Home composting enables a resident to recycle leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, and food wastes into a valuable compost product that improves soil health when applied to gardens and lawns. Managing these materials in the backyard also reduces the cost for the community to collect and manage these materials.

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MASTER COMPOSTER TRAINING



**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19, 2009
9a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Pippin Center
UW-Richland Campus
Richland Center**

The UW-Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) provides Master Composter Certification to anyone interested in learning more about composting and willing to share their knowledge with their local communities.

The goal of the Master Composter Volunteer Program is to empower local composters to organize and teach home composting workshops and offer compost demonstrations in their communities.

Many Master Composters are also Master Gardeners, but certification as a Master Gardener is not necessary.



WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR

Joe Van Rossum, Recycling Specialist
UW-Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste
Education Center (SHWEC)

TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Composting principles and recipes
- Using compost as mulch
- Vermicomposting
- Using yard trimmings
- How to teach composting
- How to develop a workshop



PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Pippin Center
UW-Richland Campus
Richland Center

Cost: \$30 per person, includes study guide and morning refreshments. Lunch is on your own.

Class Size: Minimum of 8 participants,
Maximum of 20.

Registration Deadline:

Monday, August 10

Participants in the Master Composter Program must pledge to:

- Attend this one day workshop
- Attend a one-hour evening Wisline training
- Help organize/co-teach a composting workshop
- Organize and teach at least one additional workshop (either alone or with a fellow Master Composter) by Fall 2010
- Develop and conduct a public compost display or demonstration (at a fair, garden tour, Master Gardener meeting, etc) by Fall 2010.

Participants are required to pick up the Master Composter Home Study course at the UW-Extension Office prior to the class.

All trainees are expected to pass an open book exam. The purpose of the exam is to encourage participants to look through the educational materials. (Most persons score near 100%)



REGISTRATION FORM MASTER COMPOSTER TRAINING

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Please sign the following statement (mandatory):

I promise to complete the course requirements and assist my local UW-Extension Office in conducting a compost education workshop or event by Fall 2010.

Signature

Registration Fee: \$30

Make checks payable to:

UW-Extension

Return registration fee and form to:

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