

Master Composter-Recycler Volunteer Job Description

Overview

Master Composter-Recyclers are a group of trained volunteers that educate the public about composting, recycling, and waste prevention through various means. Training includes ten class sessions, as well as practical education through class projects and volunteering in the community.

Responsibilities

- Attending all 10 classes
- Fulfilling 20 hours of practical internship
- Assist with composting workshops
- Help table at community events
- Assist in maintaining the compost demonstration site and community compost
- Provide technical assistance to on-site composting efforts

Qualifications

- Basic interest in composting, recycling, waste reduction
- Willingness to participate in several program sponsored events
- Good communications skills
- Willingness to work in teams
- Ability to honor all required training hours
- Belief in the value of extension's educational program

Training

Classes (20-hours)

Ten 2-hour class sessions will be held every Thursday evening between August 26th and November 11th from 6 pm – 8 pm (except September 16th and October 14th in observance of breaks and holidays). All classes will be held at the CCE Broome County office at 840 Upper Front St. Binghamton unless otherwise noted.

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Practical Internship (minimum of 20 hours)

During the training, 20 hours of practical internship are required. This internship allows trainees to put their gained knowledge to work. Each person will be in a group of 3 or 4 will work together to research, prepare, and present a mini presentation to the class. Time spent on the presentation and other approved activities such as assisting in public presentations, maintaining the compost demonstration site, and sponsored field trip will count towards the practical internship.

Volunteer hours (minimum of 20 hours)

After completion of training, new trainees are asked to complete at least 20-hour of volunteering by the end of the following year. Volunteer hours are to be focused on education and community outreach. Taking on more responsibility for established programs like the community compost bins and event tabling are two examples of volunteer hours. New program ideas are welcome but must first be approved by the Program Manager.

Reporting

Trainees are responsible for tracking their practical internship hours and volunteer hours on a shared spreadsheet. Staff will have access to the shared spreadsheet and may record hours if they were reported but not logged.

Background Screening and Training

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County Volunteer Application

Criminal and DMV History Check

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

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