

Why Become a Master Composter?

By encouraging residents to recycle organic waste materials that would otherwise end up in landfills or incinerators, Master Composters promote sustainable living and resource conservation at individual and community levels. Through this program, you too can make a difference by educating the public about making and using compost.

**Return carbon to the land!
Compost!**

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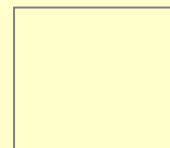
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WHAT IS THE MASTER COMPOSTER PROGRAM?

Almost 25 % of a typical household's waste can be recycled right in our own backyards. This significantly reduces the amount of waste that is incinerated or placed in landfills. The **UConn Home & Garden Education Center**, in partnership with the **Connecticut Recyclers Coalition**, is offering the **Master Composter Program** to educate and train state residents about the general elements of the composting process and to assist participants in passing this knowledge on to others. Those enrolled in the Master Composter program will:

- ✿ Learn why it is important to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills
- ✿ Understand how individuals and communities benefit from making compost
- ✿ Discover the art and science of composting
- ✿ Become familiar with the techniques for creating and maintaining backyard composting systems
- ✿ Visit and learn about municipal, on-farm and worm composting methods
- ✿ Improve teaching and leadership skills through community outreach projects

Who Can Become a Master Composter?

Anyone, whether they compost now or not, who wants to **learn** more about composting and is willing to **share** their composting skills and knowledge with the public through **volunteer activities** such as presentations, workshops, exhibits and demonstrations. UConn Master Composter **Certificate** & Name **Badge** will be presented upon **completion of course** and **2 approved outreach activities (usually around 20 hours)**.

Class Dates & Times, Fall 2019

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 6 - 9 pm
 Thursday, Oct 17, 6 - 9 pm
 Tuesday, Oct 22, 6 - 9 pm
 Thursday, Oct 24, 6 - 9 pm

CLASS LOCATION: New London County Extension Center, 562 New London Tnpk, Norwich CT 06360

Worm Day, Sat. Oct 19, 10 am - 2 pm
 Middlesex County Extension Ctr, Haddam, CT

FIELD TRIPS: Freund's & Laurelbrook Farms, E. Canaan, CT, Sat.11/2, 10-2pm
Leaf Composting, Harvest New England, Ellington, CT Sat.11/16, 9-11am (tentative)

PROGRAM FEE: \$100.00 payable to UConn

PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ENGAGE IN 2 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE. CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 24 STUDENTS.

REGISTRATION FORM

Price

Master Composter Program \$100



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Phone

E-mail

Method of Payment - check or money order only please

Check

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