

# 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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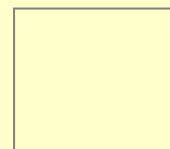
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The UConn Home & Garden Education Center is an informational resource for the residents of Connecticut and beyond who are urged to contact us for accurate, thorough and timely information on home and garden topics.

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# UConn 2018 MASTER COMPOSTER PROGRAM

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**UConn Master Composters  
Make a Difference!**

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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 2018

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6 - 9 pm  
Thursday, Oct 18, 6 - 9 pm  
Tuesday, Oct 23, 6 - 9 pm  
Thursday, Oct 25, 6 - 9 pm

**CLASS LOCATION: Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Ave., Vernon CT 06066**

**Worm Day**, Sat. Oct 20, 10 am - 1 pm  
Tolland Cty. Agricultural Ctr, Vernon, CT

**FIELD TRIPS: Freund's & Laurelbrook Farms, E. Canaan, CT, 11/3, 10-2pm**  
**Leaf Composting, Manchester Dept of Public Works 11/29, 9:30-11am**

**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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Name

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*Method of Payment - check or money order only please*

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