

WSU Extension Master Recycler Composter Volunteer Position Description

Title WSU Master Recycler Composter Volunteer

Purpose To provide educational information to the public on reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting to minimize solid waste, including household hazardous waste, and to address such critical issues as enhancing natural resources, soil and water quality and conservation, and other environmental stewardship issues that can affect the health and wellness of residents of Washington.

Nature & Scope Master Recycler Composter volunteers make it possible to reach more people with information on reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting solid waste than would be possible with limited paid staff of the agencies involved.

Trained and certified WSU Master Recycler Composter volunteers provide educational information on how to reduce the amount of organic waste and recyclable material that goes to landfills. They educate the public on the benefits of composting and recycling and how to use the most efficient and cost-effective methods. Volunteers offer educational programs, advice, and answers to questions on home composting, recycling, hazardous waste, and soil and water quality issues. This is accomplished through various formal and informal outreach activities, public interaction, demonstrations, displays, workshops, classes, written materials, public meetings, tours, displays and other methods.

Requirements

- Be willing to volunteer in educational service or outreach and program support.
- Be willing to work with WSU Extension, Solid Waste Utility staff, and other volunteers in planning and presenting composting and recycling information.
- Be willing to follow the Master Recycler Composter policies and procedures.
- Be able to communicate effectively with others verbally or through written language.
- Have an interest in, knowledge of, or skills in composting, recycling, household hazardous waste, and soil and water quality topics related to the general public.
- Be willing to encourage others to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost solid waste.
- Be willing to give recommended information and procedures, and to give various options for action.

Supervision The Master Recycler Composter Program Coordinator provides overall supervision and support and works with Lewis County Solid Waste Utility staff and key volunteers to plan, coordinate, and manage the activities of the Master Recycler Composter volunteers. WSU Extension and the Solid Waste Utility will provide administrative and office materials and resources to promote and support volunteer activities.