

County of Santa Clara

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Home Composting Education Program

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Class of 2012 Master Composter Training Program Accepting Application

The County of Santa Clara Master Composter program is a volunteer organization designed to spread the word about backyard composting in Santa Clara County. Composting yard waste and food scraps are the most effective way to reduce the amount of organic material being landfilled. Backyard composting also benefits local soil and facilitates water conservation and storm water protection.

Residents can become change agents in this process by participating in the Master Composter Volunteer training program which includes classroom instruction and practical application. This comprehensive program will not only teach interested individuals composting theory and techniques, it will also prepare participants to instruct others in the art and science of backyard composting. Master Composter Volunteer training graduates commit to providing 50 hours of volunteer service in the County in the first year following graduation. There are many ways to volunteer including staffing tables at events, starting school programs, teaching classes on composting and worm composting and helping at compost bin sales. Master Composters also get together each month to hear guest speakers, network with likeminded new friends, enhance their knowledge and learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities. . There is a materials charge of \$50 for the ten week course and participants receive training materials and instruction. Scholarships are available upon request.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the Master Composter Volunteer Program, please share the application for the 2012 Master Composter Training. Classes will meet on Wednesday mornings in San Jose from January 11 through March 14, 2012. The application is available at the website www.ReduceWaste.org. **The application deadline is Wednesday, November 9, 2011.**