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**Help Your
Community
by Becoming an
Ocean County
Master Composter
Volunteer**



Ocean County Recycles



If you have a gardening background and are not afraid to speak to small groups, the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management offers the Ocean County Master Composter Training Program to Ocean County residents. These trained individuals provide residents of Ocean County with information on how to manage the organic portion of their household solid waste. This program is offered annually, subject to demand in the spring or fall of each year.

The premise of this program is for the County to train volunteers, who will then agree to provide a total of 24 hours of outreach, education and service to promote the benefits of home composting.



The training program is held at the Ocean County Recycling Education Center at the County's Northern Recycling Center in Lakewood Township. The program is provided free of charge to Ocean County residents and taxpayers. The non-resident fee is \$75.00 per person.



Master Composters Grow Green Communities

Just as compost builds healthy soils Master Composters build healthy communities. An integral component of this training program is community outreach. Master Composters work in a variety of ways to teach others about composting and natural gardening. Participants nourish local communities by building relationships with community gardens, and teaching children about composting.



Each applicant must complete an application and be sponsored by a group as this ensures the program the opportunity to establish an outreach network. Many types of groups can sponsor an applicant, including garden clubs, municipalities, environmental commissions, recycling committees, retirement communities or service clubs. The course is limited to 20 persons on a first come first served basis.

You can download an application from our website at www.co.ocean.nj.us/recycle or if you would like us to send you an application please contact Mary Jerkowicz, Program Monitor for the Department of Solid Waste Management at 732-506-5047. You can also e-mail us at ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us

