

# Become a Master Composter 2015

## Washtenaw County MASTER COMPOSTER - AAPS Rec & Ed - Fall 2015 Catalog

This Michigan Master Composter class is offered by Project Grow and Washtenaw County through the Ann Arbor Public Schools Rec & Ed program. Class registration is available online at <http://reced.aaps.k12.mi.us> search on "Master Composter" The fall AAPS Rec & Ed courses will be posted online starting late August.

### 7 weeks – Wednesdays, Sept. 30 to Nov. 11, 2015 (FEE: \$49)

**6:00 PM – 8:30 PM at Pioneer High School, Room E107. Provides seven, 2.5-hour classes. Two classes will be held off-site: one at Project Grow's Compost Education Center, at Leslie Science & Nature Center; and another class at the City of Ann Arbor's Municipal Compost Center.**

Discover the basics of home composting in this fun class taught by Master Composters and local landscape and composting professionals eager to share their experience with you. After attending this course, passing the open book exam, and clocking 10 hours of hands-on community volunteer experience, you will become a certified Washtenaw County Master Composter. This program is coordinated by Project Grow and is designed for the general public and for Master Gardeners to continue their organic gardening education.

9/30 Class overview, Composting basics, types of bins (*Nancy Stone, Master Composter & Lisa Perschke, Master Composter and Advanced Master Gardener*)

10/7 Yard Waste Reduction and tour of Project Grow's Compost Education Center at the Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road, Ann Arbor. Meet at the Project Grow demonstration area. Will move indoors at dusk. (*Chris Simmons, Master Composter, City of Ypsilanti; Joet Reoma, Master Composter, Master Gardener, Master Rain Gardener*)

(10/10 Saturday 11 am—3 pm. Optional time to earn volunteer hours towards Master Composter Certification at Project Grow's Compost Education Center. Held at the same location as the 10/7 class. This Saturday practicum continues weekly through 11/14. If interested, please RSVP weekly to [joet@projectgrowgardens.org](mailto:joet@projectgrowgardens.org).)

10/14 Tour of municipal composting operations and hot composting session, 4150 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. Will meet outside the Compost Center on the access road and carpool through the site operated by WeCare Organics, followed by a classroom segment in the adjacent recycling plant MRF Education Center. (*Chris Simmons, Nancy Stone, Joet Reoma*)

10/21 Vermiculture, worm bins, special composting, compost teas (*Jesse Raudenbush, Master Composter, Master Gardener, owner of [Starr Valley Farms](#)*)

10/28 Soils (*Erica Kempter of Nature and Nurture; WCC Master Organic Gardener instructor*)

11/4 Worm bin workshop. Hands-on session. *Note: All students may attend at no charge; pre-register if interested in purchasing a \$30 worm bin kit (contains 1000 red worms, 12-gallon container, worm bedding).* (*Jesse Raudenbush*)

11/11 Guest presenters with community composting opportunities, take-Home exam corrected in-class; share ideas for volunteer projects, set date and topic/speaker for fall graduation pizza dinner (*Lisa Perschke, with guest presenters*)

