

BECOME A CERTIFIED

Backyard Composter

Vermi-Composter

Master

Composter

Free



Sponsor: Mat-Su Borough's Solid Waste Division

When: Continual Trainings continuously since 2016

Where: Next door to Mat-Su Borough's Central Landfill at Valley Community for Recycling Solutions (VCRS), 9465 E Chanlyut Circle, Palmer AK 99645

Our Goal:

Organic matter in the landfill takes up valuable space and creates greenhouse gases. The purpose of this Mat-Su Borough program is to keep this valuable material out of our landfill, reduce our carbon emissions, and save you money by reducing waste disposal costs. Our goal is to empower you to transform organic waste into beautiful and beneficial compost. We provide you free training and a Compost Hotline.

Certified Backyard Composter

--2 Hour Training

You'll learn how to:

- Successfully compost yard wastes, manures, & food wastes
- Remedy a pile that's too hot, too slow, or too stinky
- Produce a matured, high-quality product for gardens & landscapes

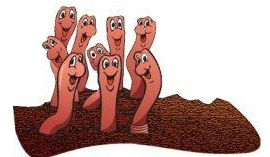


Certified Vermi-Composter

--2 Hour Training

You'll learn how to:

- Successfully start & manage a worm bin
- Worm away your food waste



Avoid flies & stench
Know where to apply finished vermi-compost

Certified Master Composter

--1 Day Training

Prerequisite: complete the Backyard Composter and Vermi-Composter courses.

You'll learn additional compost strategies, and how you can apply these to assist residents, businesses, schools, dog mushers, food services, farmers, stable managers, and organizations to develop scaled-up compost operations. Share your enthusiasm and help get others started composting.

We'll review basics and then discover how to:

- Blend and compost a wider variety of feedstocks for proper C:N ratios
- Manage and trouble-shoot piles for moisture, temperature, aeration, & odor
- Process larger volumes of compost with static & thermal pile methods.



Trainings & Dates Spring 2024

Choose among these repeated courses. Note that May 15 and June 4, both vermi- & backyard classes are offered on the same day. We'll offer more again in the autumn.

Backyard Composter Outdoors (Build a demonstration pile)	Vermi-Composter Indoors (Worm Bin Management)	Master Composter Training (One full day for those having completed the Backyard & Vermi- compost classes)
	Wednesday April 24 1pm-3pm	
Wednesday May 15 2pm-4pm	Wednesday May 15 10am-noon	
Tuesday June 4 2pm-4pm	Friday May 31 Noon- 2pm	
Wednesday June 12 10am-Noon	Tuesday, June 4 10-noon	
Tuesday June 18 10am-Noon		Saturday June 22 10am-4:30pm

To Register:

Call or text 907 795-3722

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