



## The Milwaukee County UW-Extension and Kompost Kids are pleased to offer Master Composter Volunteer Training

This program is a statewide educational program developed and coordinated through the UW-Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC).

<u>The objective of the Master Composter program</u> is to train individuals who want to become Certified Master Composters and share their knowledge of home composting with others by organizing and teaching composting workshops and offering demonstrations in their communities.

<u>The Training Workshop</u> will take place on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 12<sup>th</sup></u> and will be held at the <u>Havenwoods</u> <u>Environmental Education Center at 6141 N Hopkins St</u>, <u>Milwaukee</u>, <u>WI 53209</u> (1 blk. west of Sherman Park Blvd. and 3 blks. north of Silver Spring Drive in Milwaukee). The program will <u>begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.</u> (See "NOTE" below.) Please bring a bag lunch - there are only a few fast food restaurants near there and we would like to keep the break short. There will be an outdoor, hands-on portion of the program so dress for the weather and to get a little dirty working with the compost bins on-site.

<u>To become a Certified Master Composter</u> you need to pledge to complete the following:

- 1. Attend the *Instructor Workshop* (a one day workshop, Apr. 12th);
- 2. Attend a *Wisline teleconference* at the Milwaukee County UW-Extension office on Watertown Plank Rd. in Wauwatosa (date TBD, probably sometime on a weekday evening for 1 hour);
- 3. Help organize and co-teach *two Home Compost Workshops* for the general public either on your own or with a fellow Master Composter before June 1, 2015; AND
- 4. Develop and conduct *one Compost Display or Demonstration* at a public event before June 1, 2015.

<u>To register for the Master Composter program</u>, bring this registration form and your check for the course fee to the Milwaukee County UW-Extension Office at 9501 W Watertown Plank Rd, Building A, Wauwatosa, WI. At that time, you will pick-up the *Master Composter Home Study Manual*. Please review it prior to attending the April 12<sup>th</sup> workshop. Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (If you need to make other arrangements to get the manual, contact the Milwaukee Co. UWEX at (414) 256-4600.) The binder and additional educational materials will be distributed the day of the workshop.

Please complete the following:	
Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
E-mail Address	
Course Fee of \$30 is payable to "UW-Extension" is due with the registration form by April 11 <sup>th</sup> .	

Questions regarding the Master Composter Program can be directed to Sharon Morrisey (local contact person listed below).

**NOTE:** The first portion of this Master Composter training workshop will be open to the general gardening public and UW-Extension Master Gardener volunteers wanting to learn more about home composting. The public portion will end around 12:30 after an outdoor tour of the Havenwoods composting demonstration site. Participants training to become certified Master Composters will return after the lunch break for more in-depth training and discussion of the Master Composter program.