Interested in Composting? Feed The Earth, Not Landfill!

Learn how to recycle your yard debris!
Help make a difference in your community!
Become a Compost Specialist Volunteer at OSU Extension Service in Lane County!

A major focus of the Compost Specialist program is sharing with the community the benefits and value of organic debris that is recycled on site at home. Learn how to make use of what is traditionally thought of as waste and turn that into a more sustainable approach to garden and home care.

Consider the following statistics from a recent City of Eugene survey:

- **24%** of trash going to Short Mountain landfill is recyclable yard debris.
- **4%** is pet waste
- **24%** is food waste

Composting at home can reduce the amount of these materials and provide us with a valuable soil amendment as well. This two-day training will teach you what you need to know!

Anyone can become a Compost Specialist volunteer! Participants who complete the 2-day course donate a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer time helping others in the community learn about the benefits of compost. Activities include, staffing booths at community events such as home shows, the Lane County Fair, and Art and the Vineyard. Volunteers give free community demonstrations on composting at local compost education sites, participate in research into new topics in composting, support school composting projects, and create individual projects that help to spread the message about the benefits of composting organic debris at home.

When:      March 31, 2010   9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
April 7, 2010   9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Where:      OSU Extension Service Auditorium
950 W 13th Ave Eugene, OR 97402
Cost:  $50.00 (Includes the Compost Specialist manual, supplemental materials, snacks, and lunch on March 31. Participants provide their own lunch April 7.

Topics covered in the training include:

* The importance of the Soil Food Web
* The basics of the composting process
* Home composting
* Worm bin composting
* The environmental impacts of organic waste in our landfills
* Compost tea

For more information about becoming a Compost Specialist contact Cindy Wise at: compost.specialist@oregonstate.edu
Register by mail or in person at the Extension Service office in Lane County. No phone registrations accepted.

Register online at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/gardens or send payment with form below.

Name_____________________________________  Master Gardener? County__________No________
Address___________________________________ City___________________________ Zip Code__________
Phone number______________________________ Email_____________________________(For program use only)
Make payment to: OSU Extension Service
Check_______  Cash_______

Send payment with registration information to:
OSU Extension Service - Lane County
Compost Specialist Program Registration
950 W 13th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97402

The Compost Specialist Program is a cooperative program between the OSU Extension Service in Lane County, the Lane County Master Gardener Association™ and the City of Eugene, Oregon.