

What Master Recyclers Say About The Class



This class was excellent all the way around. The information on various topics delivered by the facilitators was strongly reinforced by using presentations, community speakers and industry professionals. Fieldtrips were relevant and impressive. Environmental Services staff was professional, on task, committed, friendly & humorous.

The program exceeded my expectations. I've been a recycler for a long time, but I've learned how much more we can do. It was also just plain fun! The fieldtrips were great.

This was an amazing class. I came home full of interesting info to share, excitement, and hope. All the presenters were wonderful.

Get Involved!



A Master Recycler teaching people about backyard composting



A speaker teaches a Master Recycler class about local green building projects



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Master Recycler Program



Learn from the experts.
 Share with your neighbors. Make a difference.

About the Program



At one of the class tours we see workers sort recyclables at a material recover facility.

The course includes eight 3 hour weekly evening sessions and three weekend field trips over the course of eight weeks. The classes and fieldtrips feature presentations and talks from over 20 experts in the industry. The class is usually offered twice a year. Topics covered in the class include:

- Overview of solid waste in Marion County
- Collection, transfer and disposal methods
- Solid waste hierarchy (the 3 R's and more)
- What can be recycled & how recyclables are collected and processed
- Local businesses that are leading the way in environmental stewardship

What do Master Recyclers do?



After completing the training, participants undertake 30 hours of community “payback” through independent projects and outreach events. The following list is not comprehensive and many Master Recyclers develop their own “self-contained” projects.

Create projects that focus on waste prevention and recycling at work, home, school, in their place of worship, and in the community.

Educate the public on the hazards of and alternatives to common household chemicals at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events.

Speak to groups about recycling and reducing waste at home and work.

Volunteer to educate the community at local events and festivals.

Organize neighborhood cleanup events.

Work with schools, scout groups, and others to help improve their recycling programs.

Lead tours of the recycling center.

Program Benefits Include:



- Master Recycler certification (upon completion of the 30 hours of volunteer payback)
- Monthly newsletter featuring volunteer opportunities and waste reduction news.
- Project support and networking opportunities.
- The opportunity to make a difference by reducing waste in your community.

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The class was very comprehensive, informative and fun! Very enthusiastic speakers!

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This class far exceeded my expectations; in fact, it took me by surprise.

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I loved the class and recommend it highly. It included so much more than I was expecting. I would tell anyone interested in the class that the name of it is only a very slight indication of the information that is imparted.

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