

Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter Program Resource List for “Ask and Expert Panel”, Thurston Conservation District, November 10, 2020



Two Training Opportunities in 2021

Home Horticulture Training Program – January through April 2021

Learn to be a better home gardener and steward of the environment with Washington State University Thurston County Extension’s new online Home Horticulture Training program.

The Home Horticulture Training program will focus on a wide range of horticulture topics taught by WSU faculty, staff, Master Gardeners, and other regional experts. Classes will be held online, Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon starting January 9, 2021, and continuing weekly through April 24, 2021

Registration opens on November 14, 2020, and you can find out more information at <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu/home-horticulture-training/>

Note: The Thurston County Master Gardener program is not hosting a local training for new volunteers in 2021. Information for the 2022 Annual Training will be available in late 2021.

Thurston County Master Recycler Composter Volunteer Training – February through March 2021

Do you have a passion for composting, waste reduction, and recycling and want to serve your community? Then you might be interested in becoming a Thurston County Master Recycler Composter volunteer.

Master Recycler Composter volunteers receive in-depth instruction on how to reduce waste, recycling, and compost in Thurston County and become an integral part of local efforts to improve recycling rates and divert valuable materials from the landfill.

All MRC volunteers enter the program through the MRC Volunteer Training, and registration for the 2021 MRC Training will open December 1. You can find more information about the training and the MRC volunteer program at <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/gardening/mc/>

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Thurston County Resources

- Thurston County WSU Extension Website <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/>
- Gardening and Recycling/Composting Question and Answer Clinic
 - The WSU Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter volunteers of Thurston County are available to answer your plant pest and disease questions, or help identify a plant or insect, or troubleshoot your backyard composting issues. Our certified volunteers answer your questions using the most accurate, unbiased, scientifically proven, local information and resources. This service is free to all Thurston County residents.
 - Email master@co.thurston.wa.us with your questions and include photos if applicable.
- Where do I take my...? <https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/database/index.asp>
 - Database maintained by Thurston County Solid Waste Department to help you identify disposal methods for various items.
- What goes where? <http://olympiawa.gov/city-utilities/garbage-and-recycling.aspx>
 - City of Olympia search tool to help City of Olympia residents identify disposal methods for various items.

Online Guides for Gardening and Composting

- Gardening resources <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/>
 - Links to WSU gardening factsheets, *HortSense*, *PestSense*
- Composting resources <https://extension.wsu.edu/thurston/gardening/mc/>
 - Links to guides on composting and plans for various compost bin styles

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