

**BERNALILLO COUNTY MASTER COMPOSTER
TRAINING APPLICATION: 2012**

Applications to this program are open to the general public who have composting experience and who will volunteer their time to teach other people about composting.

Anyone without prior composting experience should take a 3 hour basic composting class. Please see our calendar for classes. If you are unable to download the application, you may request that one be sent to you. Contact: judyespinoza.7100@yahoo.com

Application submission deadline is: **February 18, 2012. Space will be reserved first for those willing to become Master Composters as they are received until February 11th.** After February 11th open spaces will be given to those who signed up first but only wish to take the class. To help ensure a space, send your check and applications as soon as possible. **Note:** MC trainee selection is based in part on an applicant's ability to fulfill a volunteer commitment after completion of training.

APPLICATION:

I agree to the following 3 conditions required to become a Master Composter.

1. I have time and agree to attend the required number of modules.
2. I agree to volunteer 10 hours (minimum) in community outreach education after completion of training during the year 2012.
3. I agree to comply with the policies of the Bernalillo County Extension Service and NMSU.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I would like to just take the class if there is space available.

PLEASE PRINT

FULL NAME:

POSTAL MAILING ADDRESS:

COUNTY:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

BCEMC APPLICATION cont'd.
Use additional sheets as necessary.

1. I learned about the program from:
2. Why do you want to become a Master Composter:
3. Describe your composting experience: types, materials, methods, how long:
4. Describe your gardening experience and any area of particular interest:
5. Have you ever participated in a Master Composter program before?
6. Briefly describe current and past community volunteer experience:
7. Mention any environmental issue(s) on which you are currently focused:
8. Do you have any limitations, e.g. transportation, internet access or other that might make it difficult for you to participate in the program:

NO If, YES, explain:
9. The best times for me to volunteer in the future will be: **circle** all that apply:
Anytime Mornings Afternoons Evenings Weekdays Weekends
10. I have experience or am comfortable working with the following age groups:
Circle all that apply:
5-12 years 13-18 years 18- 65 years 65+ years
11. I currently or will have, prior to the beginning of the program, access to the Internet. **Circle** one: YES NO

12. Prioritize training topics that most interest you: 1= most , 12= least:

- Waste management
- Community educ./ outreach
- Basic compost. science
- Vermiculture/ vermicomposting
- Composting systems
- Finished compost uses
- Soils/ amendments
- Microbiology, chemistry, physics
- Compost tea
- Home systems- problem solving
- Soil food web
- Composition of compost

13. Prioritize the type of volunteer activities that most interest you: 1= most 8 = least.:

- Adult education (workshops, presentations, advice)
- Youth education (assist teachers, visit classrooms)
- Staff/ coordinate education booths at area events: fairs, festivals, grower's markets
- Set up, coordinate, manage compost demonstration sites at various locations,
(maintain bins, boxes, signs and grounds)
- Prepare / develop educational materials
- Respond to telephone/ internet requests for composting info./ problem solving
- Program development and maintenance (planning, training for current and future
Master Composters)
- Coordinating and maintaining Master Composter volunteer activities in the
community

INSTRUCTIONS – FOR YOUR FILES

MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$45.00 PAYABLE TO: "BERNCO MASTER COMPOSTERS".

MAIL ADDRESS:

Master **Composter** Program
Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Office
1510 Menaul Blvd.,NW
Albuquerque, NM, 87107

NOTE: Checks will be returned to those not accepted into the program. Upon successful completion of all aspects of the program a certificate and name badge will be given to the participant.

Information provided on this application will only be shared with the application review committee. Once selected as a participant your address will become part of an information sharing network relevant only to the Bernalillo County Master Composter Program.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS February 18, 2012.

Checklist:

1. Read the Bernalillo Extension policies, program objectives and schedule of classes.
2. Complete all three pages and mail with your check.
3. Attach any extra sheets that you may have used.
4. Enclose check for program fees.
5. Mail the application prior to February 18, 2012.
6. Questions about the process may be sent to: judyespinoza.7100@yahoo.com

END OF APPLICATION

THANK YOU