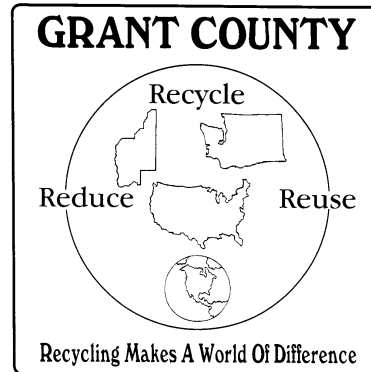


# Become a master of your compostable kitchen and garden waste

## Waste not

- In 2004, food waste was 19 percent of the total landfill mass. Yard, garden, and prunings comprised 6.5 percent
- 90,000 tons were disposed of in the Ephrata landfill in 2008
- Early in 2009, the Delano Landfill closed. The waste from cities near Grand Coulee Dam now come to the Ephrata Landfill
- Today, all of the waste generated in Grant County is disposed of at the Ephrata Landfill, which is operated by Grant County

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# Master Composter Training

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## Make your own

Compost is the gardener's "black gold". Compost improves the soil by increasing water retention, adding texture and workability, and providing nutrients for plants. Whether your soil is sand or clay, you can help by composting.

This class will teach you how to make your own compost. Although you can buy compost, why not make your own? The raw materials are free and readily available, and you control what goes into it.

## Free

The workshop is free to the public. Students will be asked to provide some volunteer hours and share their skills with their neighbors.

This will be done through neighborhood workshops on composting, with support from Grant County Solid Waste and the WSU Master Gardener Program.



## Learn by doing

This three-session workshop will cover several methods of composting. Students will learn:

- How to build a compost bin
- How to build a vermiculture (worm) compost bin
- The advantages of recycling the nutrients available from household and garden waste
- The biology of composting and the relationship of humus, compost, and soil
- How to *grasscycle*

## Objectives

- Understand the basics of several methods of composting
- Understand how to construct both compost and vermiculture bins
- Understand the importance of recycling the nutrients available from household waste
- Be able to explain the previous three points to their friends and neighbors



## Registration

Name

Address

Phone

This workshop will be held over three days: August 29, September 26, and October 10. The classes will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fire Hall, 701 E. 3rd, Moses Lake. All instructors are leaders in composting from around the state. For more information, contact Erik Lampi, WSU Grant/Adams Area Master Gardener Coordinator, 509-754-2011 ext. 413, or Joan Melvin, Grant County Solid Waste, at 509-754-6082. Spaces are limited, pre-registration is required. To request an application, go online to <http://grant-adams.wsu.edu/gardener>.