

Vermont Master Composter 2008 Syllabus (11.10.08)

DATE	INSTRUCTOR	SUBJECT	ASSIGNMENTS*
10/23	Welcome 6:15-6:30 ++++++++ 6:30 – 8:00 Ron Hebert Master Composter & Master Gardener	Course Orientation ++++++++ Overview of Composting	none ++++++++ Chapters 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 , 18 Appendix B Handout: Hot Compost
10/30	6:15 – 9:00 Wendy Sue Harper NOFA Vegetable & Fruit Technical Assistance Coordinator	Understanding the Compost Process, Biology of Composting, Compost Maturity	Chapters 5, 11, 12 Handout: Ecology of Compost Fertility, Testing and Use
11/06	6:15 - 7:45 Mike Ather Master Composter & Master Gardener ++++++++ 7:45 – 9:00 Nancy Hulett Director UVM Consumer Horticulture	Vermicomposting ++++++++ Introduction to VT Master Composter Program	Chapter 14 ++++++++ Chapters 1, 16, 17, 18 Handout: VT Master Composter Hours form
11/13	6:15 – 7:30 Steven Wisbaum Champlain Valley Compost Owner ++++++++ 7:50 – 9:00 Vicky Viens Compost Specialist VT Agency of Natural Resources Waste Management Division	Using Compost to Improve Your Garden ++++++++ Small space and/or slow composting methods.	Chapter: 11 Handout: “Compost and the Living Soil” ++++++++ Review of chapters 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18

<p>11/20</p>	<p>Vicky Viens Compost Specialist VT Agency of Natural Resources Waste Management Division</p>	<p>Composting Workshop</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE <i>The option of a DVD and written summary is not available for this class.</i></p>	<p>Handout: Workshop directions</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE <i>Make-up for missing this workshop is a <u>10 hour</u> addition to your Internship requirement.</i></p>
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General Course Information

“Chapter” refers to readings in your Master Composter Manual.

“Handout” refers to additional readings that came in your mailing.

Exam format is open-book. Students are encouraged to work on questions throughout the course, but not during class time.

The option of a DVD plus written summary is not available for the workshop on November 20th.

**If you do not attend the final class on November 20th:
You can only make it up by providing an additional 10 hours to your volunteer Internship time.**

The Vermont Master Composter Program is a partnership of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the University of Vermont Extension. It is managed by the director and staff of the UVM Master Gardener Program with oversight, funding, and technical assistance from the Vermont ANR Compost Center: Waste Management Division.