



2024 Certification Course

This class schedule is for registered participants. All classes are held 4PM-6PM at the UCRRA Main Office, 999 Flatbush Road unless otherwise noted.

Session 1 Mon. June 3rd	MCR Orientation	 Intro to UCRRA History, Mission, Overview of Programs & Services What happens to our waste in Ulster County? Understanding the waste-climate connection Intro to the Recycling Outreach Team Volunteering with UCRRA
Session 2 Weds. June 5th	Recycle Right!	 How to recycle in Ulster County What happens at the UCRRA MRF? What items can be recycled? What is wishcycling? Best practices for recycling (at Schools, Offices, Special Events, etc.) Mandatory Recycling Law
Session 3 Fri. June 7th	Plastic Pollution & It's Impacts	 What is plastic and how is it made? What is the scale and impact of plastic pollution? (Climate impacts, Litter, Marine Plastic, Microplastics, Environmental Justice) What Local Laws reduce plastic waste in Ulster County?
Session 4 Mon. June 10th	Household Hazardous Waste & Eco Friendly Alternatives	 What is Household Hazardous Waste? Intro to UCRRA HHW Program Paint Care NY Program Other local options for HHW disposal What are safer alternatives to HHW? Eco-Friendly Home Demonstration



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Session 5 Weds. June 12th	Intro to Home Composting	 Exploring the science of composting How to compost in Ulster County What items can be composted? Balancing browns & greens Importance of air & moisture Comparing compost bins & methods Benefits and uses of finished compost Intro to soil health
Session 6 Fri. June 14th	Advanced Composting Topics	 Indoor composting methods (Bokashi and Vermicomposting) Local & State Composting Laws Industrial-scale composting at the UCRRA Organics Recovery Facility UCRRA Partners in Composting Program
Session 7 Mon. June 17th	Leadership Seminar	 Strategies for effective outreach and education Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Strengthening communication & Learning Teaching tips Working with youth
Session 8 Tues. June 18th	UCRRA Policies You Need to Know!	 Sexual Harassment Policy Violence in the Workplace Policy Conflict of Interest Policy Code of Ethics Policy Social Media Policy What to do in an Emergency Situation General Safety Training while onsite at UCRRA
Session 9 Thurs. June 20th 10AM- 12PM	Tour the UCRRA or Special Projects Day 1	 MSW Tipping Floor Organics Recovery Facility Materials Recovery Facility Compost Demo Garden
Session 10 Weds. June 26th	Special Projects	MCR Topics of Interest