



2025 Certification Course

This class schedule is for registered participants. All classes are held 4PM-6:30PM at the UCRRA Main Office, 999 Flatbush Road unless otherwise noted.

Session 1 Mon. June 2nd	MCR Orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 4th	Recycle Right!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 6th	YOU are the Solution to Plastic Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is plastic and how is it made? • What are some the issues around plastic production and pollution? • Our waste-reduction toolkit: refuse, reduce, reuse, repair, regift, refill, recover, regulate! • What Local Laws and Policies exist that reduce plastic waste in Ulster County and New York State? • How can we reduce plastic waste in our lives and communities?
Session 4 Mon. June 9th	Household Hazardous Waste & Eco Friendly Alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 11th	Intro to Home Composting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the science of composting • What items can be composted? • Balancing browns & greens • Importance of air & moisture • Comparing compost bins & methods • Hands-on Composting Demonstration
Session 6 Mon. June 16th	Advanced Composting Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor composting methods (Bokashi and Vermicomposting) • Local & State Composting Laws • How to compost in Ulster County • Industrial-scale composting at the UCRRA Organics Recovery Facility • Using Finished Compost & Soil Health
Session 7 Weds. June 18th	Leadership Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for effective outreach and education • Diversity, Equity, Inclusion • Strengthening communication & Learning • Teaching tips • Working with youth
Session 8 Mon. June 20th	UCRRA Policies You Need to Know!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Weds. June 25th 10AM- 12PM	Tour the UCRRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSW Tipping Floor • Organics Recovery Facility • Materials Recovery Facility • Compost Demonstration Garden
Session 10 Fri. June 27th	Special Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCR Topics of Interest

