

LEARN TO MASTER ZERO WASTE CONCEPTS!

Zero Waste is a growing movement where all discarded materials are treated as a resource. The Master Recycler Program is a volunteer training for people who want to learn more about Zero Waste, engage their community, and shape the future.

The program includes seven classes highlighting the 6 Rs of waste reduction:

- *Rethink (redesign systems, habits, & mindsets)*
- *Refuse (Say no to unnecessary waste)*
- *Reduce (share it, rent it, borrow it)*
- *Reuse (repair & repurpose)*
- *Recycle (sort it & send it on)*
- *Return (give nutrients back to nature)*

The Master Recycler program is free. Classes include lively discussions, hands on learning, tours, guest speakers, and instruction from the professionals at the Burbank Recycle Center.

BECOME A CHANGE AGENT

Master Recyclers who complete all seven classes and thirty hours of volunteer time will receive a graduation certificate and recognition. Community projects may focus on waste reduction, thoughtful consumption, composting, or recycling.

HOW WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS A MASTER RECYCLER?

Zero Waste is a commitment to continual improvement and calls on everyone to rethink, reduce, reuse, and recycle far more than ever before.

Master Recyclers will raise awareness and skills in the community by:

- *Speaking to friends, neighbors, & local groups*
- *Organizing waste prevention & recycling projects*
- *Engaging businesses & residents at events*
- *Boosting existing recycling programs at schools, businesses, & organizations.*

TO LEARN MORE:

www.burbankrecycle.org

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BECOME A WASTE WARRIOR

AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!



MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM

CLASS SCHEDULE

(All classes will be held at the Burbank Recycle Center, 500 S. Flower Street, unless there is a tour or special engagement).

CLASS 1: Sat., January 14th - 9am-2pm

Recycling 101: There's No Such Thing as "Away"

There is no better way to bond with your class and learn the truth about waste than to dive right in! Class one starts with a tour of the Recycle Center and then a hands-on waste characterization study where we will examine what is thrown "away".

The class includes an introduction to Zero Waste, what's recyclable (and why), state and federal recycling statistics, storm water run-off and a discussion of class projects.

CLASS 2: Wed., January 25th - 6pm-8pm

Blowing Green Smoke: Resources & Materials

A look at how modern conveniences and our throw-away culture are leading to a global increase in resource depletion and waste. We will examine the complexities and decipher the realities of green products vs. green washing.

The class includes a world view of packaging, plastic resins, recycled commodities and global markets that keep recycling afloat.

CLASS 3: Sat., February 4th - 9am-Noon

Toxins Amongst Us: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Electronics & Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Nearly one million chemical compounds are used in world manufacturing. Our modern conveniences and technologies come at a price. What happens to hazardous products at the end of life?

This class provides an overview of local household hazardous waste collection, recycling, and reuse programs. Extended Producer Responsibility and other emerging policies will be examined.

CLASS 4: Wed., February 15th - 6pm-8pm

Business Evolution: Recycling & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Sustainable business practices are initiated in all shapes and sizes by boards, shareholders, consumers, and government. This class covers the drivers of green business, Corporate Social Responsibility, Environmentally Preferred Purchasing, State mandated commercial and organic recycling.

BONUS EVENT: Wed., February 22nd

PIZZA AND A MOVIE ALUMNI NIGHT!

Featuring "Just Eat It: A Food Waste Love Story"

You won't want to miss this! Meet former graduates of the Master Recycler program while enjoying dinner and a show! This insightful documentary reveals how food is wasted and what can be done about it!

CLASS 5: Sat., March 4th - 9am-Noon

Power to the Plants: Getting Organics out of Landfill (field trip)

For millions of years nature has operated the most sophisticated and successful recycling program on the planet: breaking down organic (plants) matter and returning the nutrients back to the soil. Yet, modern society takes this valuable resource and misallocates it as "waste".

You'll learn how California organics are generating power, building soil, and reducing harmful emissions. This class will be held at the City landfill with a compost demonstration at the Starlight Bowl.

CLASS 6: Sat., March 25th - 9am-Noon

Rethink Trash as Treasure: Reuse & Repair Tour (field trip)

Recycling is a necessity but reuse delivers far greater environmental benefits and, often times, greater profits. On this field trip you'll explore businesses and nonprofits that recognize the value in discarded treasures. You may be surprised at the untapped potential of the new dematerialized/sharing economy. Get ready to salvage, repair, reuse, re-imagine and get inspired.

CLASS 7: Wed., April 5th - 6pm-8pm

Leadership Challenge:

Using Your Skills for Local Action

Throughout the Master Recycler classes, project ideas and inspirations will pop up. This class is devoted to moving inspirations into action drawing on your experiences and talents. The recycling staff will assign roles in a class outreach project focusing on organic diversion for business. Students will also design a project of their choice.

TO REGISTER

<http://burbankca.gov/departments/recycle-center/master-recycler-program>



"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi