

Master Composter / Sustainability Steward Program Intern (2 Positions available)

About Tilth Alliance

Tilth Alliance is a nationally recognized nonprofit educational organization dedicated to working in community with Washington farmers, gardeners, and eaters to build a sustainable, healthy, and equitable food future. Our program areas include farming, farmer support, cooking and nutrition, food aggregation and distribution, environmental and garden education, our volunteer programs and educational community events.



About Master Composter / Sustainability Stewards

The Master Composter / Sustainability Stewards (MCSS) program is a key partner in Seattle Public Utilities' waste reduction and recycling efforts. Since 1986, MCSS volunteers educate and help city residents with a wide range of activities including recycling food and yard waste, preventing and reducing waste, building healthy urban soils, composting, etc. to support a healthy urban environment.

Time Commitment & Schedule: 10-15 hours per week, 4 to 8 months. Ideally two days / week: Wednesday evening and daytime on Saturdays between February and late June or beyond. Hours can be somewhat flexible depending on program needs and work/school schedule of the intern.

Work Sites: Work sites will vary and include working remotely. Some work will be performed at Tilth Alliance's office in Wallingford (4649 Sunnyside Ave. N, Suite 100, Seattle, WA 98103) or at Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetland (5513 S Cloverdale St, Seattle, WA 98118). Outreach events will be held at various locations within the city of Seattle.

Compensation: A \$1000 stipend will be paid upon completion of 40 hours (not including spring training time). The winter/spring 2025 intern will also be invited to attend the full MC/SS training program (see [website](#) for details). This internship can be done for school credit at some institutions.

Internship Description

The Master Composter / Sustainability Stewards Program intern will provide general support across MC/SS program operations, with a focus on **community outreach, data management, volunteer coordination, and communications**. Specific Intern responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- Organize and prepare outreach materials such as flyers, brochures, worm bins, gloves, etc. before volunteer events
- Help update selected class materials and compile new outreach materials for print and social media on topics such as recycling, composting, or reducing food waste
- Take photos and short videos of class and outreach activities
- Support the MC/SS social media presence
- Care for the compost stations and worm bins at our learning gardens
- Support volunteers in classes and at outreach events such as acting as Zoom host or tracking outreach activities
- Help organize and support outreach and promotional events

Requirements and Qualifications:

- Live in Seattle
- Ability and desire to perform basic office tasks that support the program
- Interest in resource conservation

- Interest in doing community outreach
- Ability and desire to work with people from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Availability on some weekends, especially Saturdays
- Access to a car on occasion for outreach events is desired but not required

Benefits:

- Gain and apply knowledge related to composting, waste prevention best practices, and other resource conservation topics through attending the 40-hour MC/SS spring training (free) as part of the internship
- Gain experience with non-profit organizations and program administration
- Opportunity to participate in training events, including classes and workshops on resource conservation topics
- Develop communication, environmental education, community outreach, and program coordination skills
- Make professional contacts with staff at Tilth Alliance and Seattle Public Utilities, other partner organizations, and volunteers
- Contribute to Seattle's sustainability efforts and leadership

Application Process

- Email a brief introduction and resume to Reingard Rieger at mcss@tilthalliance.org.
- Include the responsibilities you are most interested in working on.
- Please fill out [a general volunteer registration on our website](#) if you have not already done so.
- **Apply before March 1st, 2026**

Supervisor: Reingard Rieger, Natural Yard Care Program Manager



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