

**Announcement of Temporary, Part-time Position Opening:
Agricultural Compost Outreach and Education Coordinator**

WSU Extension Snohomish County, Everett Office

Description:

The Agricultural Compost Outreach and Education Coordinator is responsible for reaching out to local farmers to sustain conversation about how compost can be utilized as a part of a holistic land management program. While a familiarity with common agricultural practices as well as the various processes and properties of compost is desired, a superior candidate will possess the ability to visualize and explain the local and global importance of re-designating our 'waste stream' as a vital resource for agricultural land. The Coordinator will also aid the Agricultural Department of the WSU Snohomish County Extension office in preparing educational literature and signage, hosting On-Farm Field Days, and presenting information at various public forums. Position would require 20-30 hours per week.

Duties and Essential Functions

1. Understand the functions of compost in the production of agriculture crops.
2. Educate, provide information and offer the opportunity for farmers to participate in a demonstration project about the application and use of compost on their farm.
3. Assist in the implementation and data collection of compost treated research plots.
4. Assist in the development of and participate in research field days and farmer workshops.
5. Negotiate arrangements between farmers and participating compost suppliers to implement on-farm demonstrations.
6. Develop and maintain a comprehensive list of farmers in the County; compile and report results of demonstration projects, field days and workshops; work only hours assigned and report hours on the form and dates required.
7. Travel to farms; use phone, e-mail and personal visits to contact farmers.
8. Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications

1. Ability to communicate effectively with farmers in person, over the phone and via e-mail.
2. Familiarity with agricultural production.
3. Understanding of how compost is produced and how it is used to amend soil and grow crops.
4. Ability to work as a team member in collaboration with WSU Extension, Snohomish County and the Snohomish Conservation District.
5. Ability to work independently while implementing field projects.
6. Ability to efficiently use MS Word, PowerPoint, and Excel as well as photography and video.
7. Ability to travel to rural areas in a private vehicle. Travel costs will be reimbursed per Snohomish County policy.

Supervisor: Andrew Corbin County Director: Curt Moulton

To apply send Resume, cover letter and 3 professional references to corbina@wsu.edu.

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