

Sustainable Materials Management Education Program

Learn to Compost! Get involved with the Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership

With support from the US Environmental Protection Agency and hosted by the Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University, college students in Puerto Rico are participating in an internship program in which they gain classroom experience teaching K-12 Virgin Island students, teachers and staff – and other Puerto Ricans in their communities – about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, with a special focus on organics management. For more information visit: www.prrcycles.org.

WHAT IS THE PRRP?

The Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University is using its solid waste management and recycling expertise to facilitate the Puerto Rico Recycling Partnership (PRRP) in an effort to assist the islands in establishing a sustainable solid waste strategy—based on an aggressive program of waste reduction, recycling and composting—and moving toward a sustainable materials economy. The partnership includes government (at all levels), non-profit organizations, citizens, environmental groups, and the private sector.

WHO ARE THE INTERNS?

The PRRP Organics Materials Management Interns are UPR students and community members who have undergone an intensive organic materials management training conducted by staff from the EFC and the Cornell Waste Management Institute (CWMI).

From September 2012 through May, 2013, interns will be working to engage at least one school that will work with the intern(s) to establish a more sustainable organics management plan and teach the school's students, educators and staff about sustainable materials management, with a focus on composting.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Would you like to start a composting program or host a composting workshop at your school? Register here to learn more about opportunities to become involved with the internship program, or contact Ana Verónica Arache at avarache@syr.edu. Like our Puerto Rico Organics Education Program Group on Facebook.



Middle school students learn to divert food scraps from the school cafeteria to the compost bin



Food scraps collected and used for composting



Elementary students in Villalba celebrate Earth Day by learning how to compost!