



HEALTHY FOODS LOCAL FARMERS

Zero Waste Educator Volunteer Position

Project Background

Mill City Farmers Market (MCFM) is a non-profit organization based in Minneapolis, founded in 2006. MCFM brings together farmers, food artisans, cooking demos, kids' activities and many other activities to educate consumers about sustainable agriculture and healthy cooking. MCFM builds connections and fosters relationships between farmers, entrepreneurs and customers in a fun and lively environment. It is much more than a market. It is an experience enjoyed by over 6,000 guests each market day. Furthermore, MCFM is actively involved in the community doing outreach to build a stronger, more sustainable regional food system.

In 2009, MCFM became the first Zero Waste Farmers Market in Minnesota! MCFM is proud to be a Zero Waste Market, where all the "waste" generated at the market from food sales, samples and events is composted or recycled. By composting and recycling market waste, MCFM reduces waste by diverting compostable materials from the landfill, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution. This program allows MCFM to minimize our carbon footprint, and strengthen our commitment to sustainability. At an industrial composting facility, compostables – food scraps, paper plates, bowls, and cups, and compostable utensils – are converted into nutrient-rich soil, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers. At MCFM, we know that healthy food starts with healthy soil!

Zero Waste Educator Volunteer Description

- Manage Zero Waste stations on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (May through October)
- Duties include: Educating customers about composting at the market, record keeping for Hennepin County and the market, monitoring waste stations and emptying bins throughout the day
- Novices and experts welcome!
- Other community engagement opportunities depending on time and interest

Volunteer Requirements

- Interest in learning about sustainability
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to be on your feet for 3-4 hours in all kinds of MN weather
- Ability to lift 20lbs

View available volunteer shifts and sign up to be a Zero Waster Educator at MCFM by following the link below! For any questions please contact Jenny Heck at jenny@millcityfarmersmarket.org or 612-341-7580.

Sign up to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054fa8ab2da57-zero3>

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