The Lower East Side Ecology Center provides free public compost collection and education, stewardship of public open space, and environmental education. Our programs focus on offering opportunities for all New Yorkers to learn about environmental issues facing NYC and to take responsibility for solving those problems.

We are looking for a highly dedicated, dependable staff person to operate our booths at Greenmarkets and support our compost operations. The Compost Associate is responsible for setting up and breaking down the market booth and selling products during hours of operation (compost, potting soil, worms, composting systems). The Associate also oversees our food scrap drop-off site at the market where we collect as much as 5,000 lbs of food scraps each day. When not operating the booth, you can expect to support our compost program as needed. You should equally enjoy communicating with the public about composting, getting your hands dirty and working within a small compost operations team.

**Responsibilities**
- Manage our booth at Union Square Greenmarket and Tompkins Square Greenmarket
- Oversee and record sales of compost, potting soil, worms and compost bins
- Publicly represent the organization and answer questions from the public about our programs and overall recycling and sustainability
- Operate food scrap drop-off sites. This includes setting up and breaking down a collection site.
- Make compost deliveries using dump truck or box truck.
- Managing volunteers at the market booths
- Assist with the operations of food scrap drop-off sites as needed
- Perform additional duties as determined by the Ecology Center

**Qualifications**
- Reliable and committed to punctuality
- Brings a team player attitude: collaborative, strong communication, flexibility and problem solving skills
- Enthusiasm to work outdoors in all seasons and on weekends
- Ability to perform physically strenuous tasks such as lifting up to 60 lbs, maneuver rolling toter carts weighing up to 350 lbs and other such tasks.
- Passionate and knowledgeable about composting and sustainability
- Self-motivated and the ability to work alone, in a team, and in a variety of settings.
- Comfortable with coordinating operations with the rest of the team through email and telephone communication.
- Valid NYS Driver’s License and comfort driving large vans and trucks in NYC (we have a cargo van, two 20’ box trucks and a dump truck)
- Second language is a plus
- Ability to work both Saturday and Sunday

This is a part-time position with an average of 15-20 hours/week, $20/hr.
The schedule is roughly Saturday (5 hours), Sunday (5 hours) and 1-2 weekdays depending on operational and outreach needs.

Please submit resume and letter of interest to info@lesecologycenter.org with “Compost Associate” in the subject. We are accepting applications on a rolling basis and will hire the right candidate ASAP. No phone calls please.