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## County Waste Resources Department to offer Master Composter Certificate Training in Palm Desert

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources has offered Backyard Composting classes and workshops for 30 years providing residents with the basic knowledge on how to compost household organic waste, safely and efficiently. In addition to these basic composting classes, the department will be offering a free Master Composter Certificate Training program with a more advanced look at home composting and a variety of methods that can be used, more study of the composting process, and learning more about the waste stream in Riverside County.

There are two methods of training available, In-person or Virtual online. The In-person training classes, for those that want a hands-on group experience, will be on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. in Palm Desert, beginning March 9. Seating is limited. Books and study materials will be provided by the department. Instructor will guide students through the course and students will build group compost piles for study and build their own vermicompost bin. Alternative option to those that are not able to attend, will be the next Virtual online course which will begin April 4 and will allow participants up to 3 months to study and complete the course from home through online study materials and quizzes to earn the Master Composter Training Certificate.

Registration is required for either training course and additional details will be provided: https://rcwaste.org/free-classes#2392643287-388834543

The Department of Waste Resources offers a variety of FREE environmental education classes related to waste reduction and sustainability. Class instructors provide attendees with professional learning and resources for instructional materials.

For more information about the Master Composter Training course, please contact Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (951) 486-3200 or by email to: <a href="mailto:waste-volunteer@rivco.org">waste-volunteer@rivco.org</a>

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