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County waste department to hold free composting workshop Saturday in Riverside

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will host a free backyard composting workshop in Riverside on Saturday (April 23).

Attend this "how-to" workshop to learn how to recycle organic resources such as yard trimmings, fruit and vegetable waste into a dark, crumbly, sweet-smelling soil conditioner. Compost can be used to enrich the soil in gardens, lawns and house plants. Instead of putting organic waste into the garbage to be hauled to the landfill, learn to compost.

The free "how-to" backyard composting workshop begins at 10 a.m. at the Stratton Community Center in Bordwell Park, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Composting is nature's way of recycling. It's a great way to divert waste from the landfill and turn it into a beneficial soil amendment. In composting, organic material is mixed together in a pile or bin, where literally millions of tiny microbes digest the material and turn it into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources provides this free workshop in an effort to divert waste and help preserve valuable landfill space in the county sanitary landfill. For years, the department has trained volunteer master composters who explain how to create compost easily and efficiently from organic wastes. Low-cost compost bins, subsidized by the

department, also will be available for purchase by Riverside County residents (limit three per household). County residents can purchase compost bins with cash, personal check, and Visa/MasterCard (75¢ processing fee applies).

For more information, contact Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200 or visit: http://www.rcwaste.org/opencms/recycling/pdf/flyers/Riverside-SCC.pdf