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County waste department class on vermicomposting and building worm bin helps composters

Learn a new way to compost your food waste into a nutrient rich amendment for your garden. Put worms to work through a composting method called vermicomposting – the process of using worms and associated organisms to break down organic waste into material containing nutrients for plant growth. The department is offering a special vermicomposting class on Saturday (1/27) to teach county residents how to set up, build, care for and harvest castings and worms. After the vermicomposting class, there will be a hands-on Make Your Own Worm Bin workshop.

County residents interested in the workshop can purchase a worm bin kit for \$26 or bring their own supplies. County residents can purchase kits by cash or Visa/MasterCard (75-cent processing fee applies). Residents who don't want to purchase a kit can bring their own supplies to build a worm bin. To see to a short list of materials needed for the class visit www.rcwaste.org/vermicomposting. Tools for building a worm bin will be available for use at the workshop, along with enough worms to get your bin started.

The class and workshop are free and will be held at the Perris Green City Farm, 101 North D Street in Perris on Saturday (1/27). The class will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This program is offered to increase the awareness of organic material recycling and how composting can help preserve valuable space in county landfills. This workshop provides a good opportunity to participate in a hands-on class to explore vermicomposting and take home an inexpensive working worm bin. For more information, please contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200 or email Waste-compostingrecycling@rivco.org.