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## **County waste department class on vermicomposting and building worm bins helps composters in Hemet**

Learn a new way to compost your food waste into 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. Volunteer master composters will offer a special vermicomposting class on Wednesday (6/6) to teach county residents how to set up, build, care for and harvest castings and worms. After the vermicomposting class, there will a hands-on Make Your Own Worm Bin workshop.

Adult 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 can bring their own supplies to build a worm bin. To see to a short list of class materials needed for the class visit <http://www.rcwaste.org/vermicomposting> . The materials will cost approximately \$15. 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 Hemet Public Library, 300 E. Latham Ave. The class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the workshop will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

These programs are 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 [WasteCompRecyc@rcwaste.org](mailto:WasteCompRecyc@rcwaste.org) .