

Town of Brookhaven to Host Classes for Residents to Learn How to Compost

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Register now for classes that will be held in all six council districts.

Farmingville, NY - The Town of Brookhaven's Department of Waste Management will sponsor six classes, one for each council district, to teach residents on how to compost in their backyards. Composting is the process of recycling yard and food waste into fertilizer. Each class will be limited to 20 people and will be on a first come, first serve basis. The cost of the class is \$50.00, which includes a free home composting bin for those who participate. Pre-registration is required and no walk-ins will be accepted.

Acting Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh said, "Our Department of Waste Management continues to excel in providing our residents with the tools necessary to stay environmentally conscious. Composting is an easy way to recycle that everyone can do in their own backyards. I strongly encourage those interested to attend one of these classes."

"Yard waste makes up twenty-seven percent of the municipal solid waste stream in the United States," said Councilman Tim Mazzei, who serves as the Town Board Liaison to the Department of Waste Management, "Composting helps divert seven hundred pounds per household a year from the waste stream, which means our landfill takes on less material and has less of an impact on the environment."

"Learning to compost and do so effectively will not only help the environment, but will provide residents with rich nutritious soil to garden," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico.

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "Home composting is easy to do, and a great way for families to work together while protecting the environment. I urge residents to do their part to help spread the message about the benefits of recycling."

"18% of the trash we send to landfills is biodegradable material which could instead be used to create valuable, nutrient-rich compost. Backyard composting would simultaneously reduce the size of landfills and generate useable, soil-enriching compost, which can help to reduce or eliminate the use of synthetic fertilizers" stated Councilwoman Kepert

"Composting is nature's way of recycling biodegradable waste. Learning how best to manage composting in one's own backyard will save us all some money as well as provide nutrient rich soil to make our gardens grow even greener."

The classes will be held on the follow dates:

- October 27th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center in Blue Point.
39 Montauk Hwy, Blue Point NY 11715

- November 3rd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mount Sinai.
739 New York 25A Mount Sinai, NY 11766

- November 3rd from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Parks Administration Building in Centereach.
286 Hawkins Rd, Centereach, NY 11720

- November 17th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Manorville Fire Department.
14 Silas Carter Rd, Manorville, NY 11949

- December 1st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Neighborhood House
95 Main Street, Setauket, NY

- January 12th, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Longwood Public Library
800 Middle Country Rd, Middle Island, NY 11953

For more information and directions to these locations, please call (631) 451-TOWN (8696) or visit www.brookhaven.org to register online...

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