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County waste department to provide virtual class on vermicomposting

Are your weekends too busy to learn how to compost? Maybe you don't have space or time to compost. Composting with worms may be the solution for you. On Wednesday evening, July 26, the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will host a free virtual vermicomposting class that can be accessed on any computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Learn how to use worms to recycle organic resources, like unwanted food or fruit and vegetable waste, and turn them into dark, crumbly, soil conditioner called compost. If you don't have yard trimmings, or lack suitable space to compost, vermicomposting is a fantastic alternative that can be done in an empty plastic bin, bucket, or kitty litter container. Put worms to work through vermicomposting to eat and break down organic waste into material containing nutrients for plant growth.

Composting is nature's way of recycling. Red wigglers will break down organic waste, such as apple cores and overripe bananas, and turn them into a nutrient-rich byproduct called worm castings. The free virtual class focus will cover care and practice of worm composting and begins at 7 p.m. The class can be accessed via Webex link found at www.rcwaste.org/classes.

If attendees would like to put the principles taught in the class into practice, worm bin kits are available for purchase at our headquarters facility in Moreno Valley. These low cost bins are only available for purchase by Riverside County residents using cash or Visa, MasterCard, or Discover (credit card service fee will apply).

These programs are offered to teach residents about the ease and advantages of organic material recycling and how composting helps preserve valuable space in county landfills.

For more information about the program or worm bin kit visit <https://rcwaste.org/free-classes/vermicomposting> or contact the department at (951) 486-3200 or email Waste-CompostingRecycling@rivco.org

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Caption: Waste Resources staff and volunteers provide information on composting.



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