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# County waste department class on building a worm bin helps composters

Want to find a new way to compost your food waste into nutrient rich amendment for your garden? Learn to 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 presentation on vermicomposting to teach county residents how to set up, build, care for, and harvest castings and worms.

Adult county residents interested in the Make Your Own Worm Bin workshop must register for the 20 available seats. Participants will be provided with a short list of class materials that will cost no more than \$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 will begin June 21 (Saturday) at 8 a.m. at the Riverside County Waste Management Department, 14310 Frederick Street in Moreno Valley, and will last about two hours.

The class is offered to increase the awareness about organic material recycling and how composting can help preserve valuable space in county landfills. The backyard composting program, which started in 1993, has held over 500 workshops and offers low-cost compost bins subsidized by the department. Interest in vermicomposting has increased and this workshop will be a good opportunity to participate in a hands-on class to explore vermicomposting and take home an inexpensive working worm bin.

For more information and to register for the class, please contact the Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or email [WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us). To view the workshop flyer: <http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/recycling/pdf/MakeYourOwnWormBin.pdf>.