



RPV'S COMPOSTING PROGRAM, COMPOSTING REBATE & GRASS RECYCLING

COMPOSTING:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes encourages backyard composting. Composting is the nature's way of recycling organic material, like leaves, weeds, grass and kitchen scraps. Bacteria and insects consume this material, producing a sweet smelling, nutrient-rich compost that can be used in your garden as a soil amendment, or as part of a homemade potting mix for house plants. You will save money and help the environment and your garden.

WORKSHOPS: There are regional workshops that will teach attendees kitchen waste reduction, composting, water-wise gardening and other gardening tools and has been very popular with area residents in the past. These workshops are open to all LA County residents. These workshops are very helpful and teach you the composting basics, and the "Do's and Don'ts" to make a successful compost. There will be educational material for attendees.

It is highly recommended to first attend a workshop before buying a bin. There will be a composting workshop in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The workshop will be on:

**Saturday, April 21, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Hesse Park, Fireside Room
29301 Hawthorne Blvd., RPV, 90275**

The workshop is free and is sponsored by the LA County Dept. of Public Works and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Dept. of Public Works. This workshop is open to all Peninsula residents and other interested gardening and composting enthusiasts. A compost bin will be raffled to attendees at the end of the workshop.

The South Coast Botanic Garden, located at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., in Rolling Hills Estates hosts composting workshops on a regular basis and usually bins are sold after the workshop. Their workshops are scheduled on March 3rd (beginners) and May 26th (advanced). There is an \$8 admittance fee to the facility.

Other workshops in South Bay are: 3/17 in Torrance, 3/31 in San Pedro, 5/5 in Torrance and 6/2 in Torrance (advanced). For more composting and grass cycling information and/or to confirm workshop dates and times, check the County website at: www.smartgardening.com

RPV's COMPOSTING REBATE:

Composting or worm bins may be bought from specific LA County sponsored composting workshops, Home Depot, OSH, other home/garden improvement shops (check for price and availability), or through the internet.

The City of RPV offers RPV residents a rebate on the purchase price of any new composting bin or worm bin. Rebates cover the cost of one bin priced up to a maximum of \$70 (e.g. the rebate for a bin costing \$40 is \$40. While the rebate for a \$130 bin is \$70.) The rebate does not cover the cost of shipping and handling, or any taxes. There is a limit of one rebate per RPV household. Additionally, you will not be eligible if you have received a rebate from the City in the past four years.

Follow these simple steps:

- 1- Buy a composting bin (from a store, a workshop, and/or on-line) and obtain a proof of purchase (itemized receipt specifically detailing a compost or worm bin).
- 2- Bring original itemized receipt and proof of RPV residency to the Public Works Counter at City Hall and request a rebate. The City will keep the original receipt for its files.
- 3- Or mail the above needed documents to:
City of RPV
Public Works Dept.
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.
RPV, CA 90275
Attn: Composting Rebate

(It is recommended that prior to mailing the documents; you make a copy of the receipt and other information for your files).

- 4- You'll receive a rebate check in the mail within 3-4 weeks after approval by the City.

NOTE: It is recommended that you contact RPV-PW before you purchase a bin. You may then ask questions about the rebate program, and verify your eligibility and the continued availability of rebate funds. See contact information below.

GRASS RECYCLING:

Grass recycling is a natural approach to lawn care. Leave grass clippings on the lawn to decompose and release nutrients back into the soil.

For more information about composting, you may contact the Public Works Department at (310) 544-5252, or Los Angeles County- Department of Public Works at 1(888) CLEANLA, or website: www.smartgardening.com.

CONTACT US:

If you have any questions, contact:

1. Recycling Coordinator, at (310) 544-5245, or e-mail at: Lauren@rpv.com,
or
2. Public Works at: (310) 544-5252 or publicworks@rpv.com.

Thank you.
RPV Public Works