



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 houseplants. You will save money and help the environment and your garden.

WORKSHOPS: There are frequent workshops in the South Bay and compost and/or worm bins are typically sold at a discounted rate after the workshops. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes recently hosted a workshop in April. The next workshop in RPV will be around the same time next year.

Workshops are open to all LA County residents and have been very popular with area residents in the past. These workshops teach attendees the composting basics, kitchen waste reduction, water-wise gardening and other gardening tools. They also teach the "Do's and Don'ts" to make a successful compost. It is highly recommended to first attend a workshop before buying a bin. There will be educational material for attendees.

See below for classes in the South Bay (check website www.smartgardening.com for updates):

Beginner- Composting Workshops

Beginner workshops provide hands-on instruction on composting, worm composting, water-wise gardening, and grass cycling.

No local beginners' workshops at this time.

Advanced- Composting Workshops

Advanced workshops introduce organic gardening, landscaping with native drought-tolerant plants, and integrated pest management (environmental ways to control pests).

See workshop locations below

Torrance
June 17, 2017
Saturday
9:30 am - 11:00 am
Columbia Park
18721 Prairie Ave
(flyer)



Palos Verdes
June 24, 2017
Saturday
9:30 am - 11:00 am
South Coast Botanic
Garden (**\$9 entrance fee**)
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
(flyer)



For more composting and grass cycling information and/or to confirm workshop dates and times, check the LA 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. There is a limit of **one** rebate per RPV household. Rebates cover the cost of one bin priced up to a maximum of \$70 (e.g. there is a \$40 rebate for a bin costing \$40, there is a \$70 rebate for a \$130 bin). You may purchase a discounted bin at a workshop. Obtain a receipt in order to properly submit your rebate request.

The rebate does not cover the cost of shipping and handling, taxes, or purchasing a kitchen compost bins. Additionally, you will not be eligible if you have received a rebate from the City in the past **four years**. The goal of the rebate is to encourage residents to try backyard composting.

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) and the bar code from the box.
- 2- Bring original itemized receipt, bar code from the box, and proof of current RPV residency (i.e. utility bill with your name and RPV address) to the Public Works Counter at City Hall and request a rebate. The City will keep the original receipt for its files.
- 3- Alternatively, you may 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 City approval.

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. RPV Recycling Coordinator, at (310) 544-5245, or e-mail at: Lauren@rpvca.gov, or
2. Public Works at: (310) 544-5252 or publicworks@rpvca.gov.

Thank you for recycling.

RPV Public Works

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