



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: LA County frequently schedules workshops in the South Bay and compost and/or worm bins are typically sold at a discounted rate after their workshops. 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. There will be educational material for attendees. It is highly recommended to first attend a workshop before buying a bin. There are two types of workshops:

- A) **Beginner- Composting Workshop(s)-** Beginner workshops provide hands-on instruction on composting, worm composting, water-wise gardening, and grass cycling.
- B) **Advanced- Composting Workshop(s)-** Advanced workshops introduce organic gardening, landscaping with native drought-tolerant plants, and integrated pest management (environmental ways to control pests).

For more information on composting and grass cycling and to see the schedule of the next workshop locations and dates, 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.

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 original bar code from the box. If you go to a workshop, obtain a receipt in order to properly submit your rebate request.
- 2- Bring original itemized receipt, cut out bar code from the box, Driver's License or California ID with an RPV address, 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, or email to (publicworks@rpvca.gov) the above needed documents, with the below compost bin Rebate Form 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- Staff will verify your eligibility.
- 5- You will receive a rebate check in the mail within 4-6 weeks after City approval.

Compost Bin Rebate Form

Date _____

Name _____

Home Address _____, R.P.V., CA 90275

Daytime Phone _____ CA DL# or ID# or Utility Bill _____

Thank you for participating in the Backyard Composting Program for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes! Please complete this request for rebate form and present it after purchasing your composting unit to receive your rebate. Rebates are processed in approximately 3-4 weeks and cover the cost of purchasing one new bin up to a maximum of \$70.00 (shipping and taxes are not part of the rebate). Limit one new bin per household. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES MUST BE PROVIDED TO RECEIVE A REBATE.** Proof of residence includes a California Driver's License, California Identification Card, a current utility bill or property tax bill **ONLY**. Thank you for composting.

If you have any questions, please contact RPV Public Works at 310-544-5252.

For Office Use Only: CONFIRMED BY: _____ Comments: _____

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NOTE: If you have any questions, or have received purchased and received a rebate in the past, it is recommended that you contact RPV-PW before you purchase a bin. You may then ask questions about the rebate program, and/or verify your eligibility. 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: Laurenr@rpvca.gov, or
2. Public Works at: (310) 544-5252 or publicworks@rpvca.gov.

Thank you for recycling!
RPV Public Works