

NYC Compost Project • THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



The NYC Compost Project in the Bronx provides educational and outreach events for anyone interested in the composting of garden trimmings and kitchen scraps as an environmentally friendly horticulture and waste management practice. For more information on composting, call the Helpline at 718.817.8543 or visit www.nyc.gov/wasteless/compost. The NYC Compost Project, funded and managed since 1993 by the NYC Department of Sanitation's Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse, and Recycling, provides compost outreach and education in all five boroughs.

Winter 2012 Schedule of Events

Pre-registration recommended. To reserve your place or for more information, please contact the NYC Compost Project in the Bronx at 718.817.8543 or compost@nybg.org. Be aware that space is limited for some events; priority will be given to members of Bronx Green-Up gardens and NYC Compost Project sites in the Bronx.

MulchFest: Chip In! Mulch Your Tree! Help NYC Grow!

Bring your holiday tree to a designated park to be recycled into mulch that will nourish plantings across the city. Remove all lights and ornaments before bringing the tree to a MulchFest site. You are encouraged to bring bags to take advantage of the free mulch provided at specific sites across the five boroughs. For more information, visit the [MulchFest web pages](#).

Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m. • Locations throughout New York City

Worm Bins Made Easy

This hands-on workshop on the essentials of indoor composting with worms is ideal for those who want to compost food scraps but do not have access to an outdoor space. Participants will be eligible to “adopt” a dozen worms in a mini-bin made of recycled materials and can receive a discount coupon toward the purchase of a larger system from the Union Square Greenmarket. Registration required; e-mail compost@nybg.org or call 718.817.8543.

Thursday, January 12 • 11 a.m.–1 p.m. • Bon Secours New York Health Systems/Schervier • 2975 Independence Avenue, meet at main entrance

Crazy for Composting

Are you passionate about composting but want more from your bin? This Q&A session provides the practical tips, advice, and encouragement you need to take composting to the next level, whether you are just starting out or have been digging in for years. *Registered GreenThumb community gardens will be able to request an order of compost, soil, or clean fill for early spring delivery.* Registration required; e-mail compost@nybg.org or call 718.817.8543.

Saturday, February 18 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m. • The New York Botanical Garden, Watson Education Building

Bronx Master Composter Certificate Program, Applications due February 20

This comprehensive train-the-trainer course promotes the practice of composting in homes, schools, and community gardens in the Bronx. The program consists of six evening classes, two field trips, and 30 hours of Bronx-based volunteer outreach service in compost education and promotion. Materials fee is \$40; limited scholarships are available. For an application and details, e-mail compost@nybg.org, call 718.817.8543, or visit www.nyc.gov/html/nycwasteless/html/compost/compostproj_mastercomposter_course.shtml.

6 Tuesdays, March 27–May 8 (no class April 10), 6–9 p.m., and 2 Saturdays in April, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. •

The New York Botanical Garden, Watson Education Building and off-site locations

NYC Compost Project Information Table: Bronx Parks Speak-Up

Stop by for free tip sheets, pamphlets, and workshop schedules designed to help gardeners increase their composting expertise.

Saturday, February 25 • 12–5 p.m. • Lehman Community College, Faculty Dining Room • 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West