

Public Service Announcement

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Wake up your compost this spring

City offers workshops and coffee dates during International Composting Awareness Week

Celebrate spring and revitalize your garden. Learn how to enhance your soil by turning your household and yard waste into compost!

Composting is a great way to help the City reach its goal of diverting 90 per cent of waste from landfill. As part of Compost Awareness Week (May 3 - 10, 2014), the City is offering residents opportunities to learn about composting:



- Join a Compost Workshop at the John Janzen Nature Centre for \$10. Workshop and registration
- details are available online or by calling 311.
 Enjoy a Compost Coffee Break. We will buy the coffee. You bring the compost questions. Staff and volunteers will answer compost-y questions at local coffee shops. Follow #yegcompost for locations.
- Be a part of the compost conversation. Tweet to <u>#yegcompost</u>
- <u>Subscribe to Keep Composting</u>, a quarterly e-newsletter with tips, reminders, and answers to frequently asked questions about composting. View the <u>April edition</u> for the latest news.
- Try Second Nature® compost, compost produced at the Edmonton Waste Management Centre,
- available at <u>various locations</u> across the city.

 Visit <u>edmonton.ca/compost</u> for information on composting, including how to get started, helpful hints, and how to maintain a healthy compost bin.

Currently, close to 30 per cent of single-family households practice backyard composting. The City also composts the organic portion of all household waste collected. Composting reduces greenhouse gas emissions, conserves water, and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.

To learn more about composting or to register for workshops, go to edmonton.ca/compost or call 311.

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