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## News Release

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### FREE Home Compost Workshops Scheduled

LANCASTER, Pa. — The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) is partnering with municipalities, community organizations and Penn State Master Gardeners to conduct FREE home compost workshops where residents can learn how to recycle organic waste from their kitchens and gardens instead of putting it in the trash.

Composting is an excellent way to recycle vegetable scraps, grass clippings, leaves and other organic materials and turn them into a useful and valuable product to naturally improve the soil. Workshop attendees will also learn how to build effective, yet inexpensive home compost bins to meet their needs. Each household in attendance will be eligible to enter a drawing to receive a free kitchen scrap collection bucket courtesy of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Lancaster County residents are invited to attend any one of the home compost workshops scheduled for this year at no cost. Residents are encouraged, and in some cases required, to pre-register by noon on the Friday prior to the workshop they'll be attending.

- **April 22** at the HACC Lancaster Campus Earth Day Event located at 1641 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster. The workshop is from 10 am to 11 am. No fee is required. For more information about this event, please contact the HACC Lancaster Campus Environmental Science Club at [jlheberl@hacc.edu](mailto:jlheberl@hacc.edu).

- **May 18** at the East Donegal Township gazebo located at 190 Rock Point Rd., Marietta during Shredding/ReUse/Recycle Day. If raining, the workshop will be held in the Township building at the same address. The workshop is from 10 am to 11 am. For more information, please contact the East Donegal Township Recycling Coordinator at (717) 426-3167 or email Vicki@eastdonegaltwp.com.
- **June 1** at the Community Center in East Petersburg Borough located at 6051 Pine St., East Petersburg. The workshop is from 10 am to 11 am. No fee is required, but pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register or for more information, please contact the East Petersburg Borough Recycling Coordinator at (717) 569-9282 or email vag.ep4@comcast.net.
- **June 4** at the City of Lancaster Recycling Drop-off Center located at 850 New Holland Ave. Lancaster. The workshop is from 6 pm to 7 pm. No fee is required, but pre-registration is recommended. To pre-register or for more information, please contact the City of Lancaster Solid Waste & Recycling Manager at (717) 291-4762 or email tbreisen@cityoflancasterpa.com.
- **June 15** at Little Chiques Park on Park Avenue in Mount Joy Borough. The workshop is from 10 am to 11 am. No fee is required for this workshop, but pre-registration is recommended. For more information, please contact the Mount Joy Borough Recycling Coordinator at (717) 653-2300 or email borough@mountjoypa.org.
- **June 19** at the Chiques (Chickies) Creek Watershed Alliance Expo at the Lancaster Liederkrantz pavilion, 772 S. Chiques Rd., Manheim. This is not a workshop, but features a display providing educational materials and the opportunity to discuss home composting issues. This event is from 6 pm to 8 pm. For more information, please contact the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance at (717) 665-3827 or manager@raphotownship.com.
- **September 21** at the Freedom Memorial Park, Pavilion A at 5 Blue Rock Rd., Millersville. This workshop is from 10 am to 11 am and is co-hosted by Millersville Borough and the Penn Manor Girl Scouts. No fee is required for this workshop, but pre-registration is recommended. For more information, please contact the Millersville Borough Recycling Coordinator at (717) 872-4645 or email smccullough@millersvilleborough.org.

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LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its leadership in the industry and innovative approach to waste management. It's Integrated System consists of the following: (1) a Transfer Station permitted to handle up to 2,200 tons per day; (2) a 1,200 tons per day mass burn Waste-to-Energy Facility for the combustion of waste and production of electricity; (3) the Frey Farm Landfill, permitted for the disposal of 2,000 tons of waste per day; (4) a County-wide recycling program; and (5) a drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The Authority's mission is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner.