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Fifty \$50 composter rebates available now

Is your garbage filling up with vegetable and fruit peelings? Do you have freshly plucked weeds with no place to put them? Maybe it's time for composting with the Campbell River composter rebate program.

Fifty \$50 composter rebates are now available on a first-come, first-served basis for Campbell River residents.

The rebate program is available for any type of composter purchased from the CSWM compost education centre in Campbell River or any retailer within or outside of Campbell River.

The rebate program is sponsored by Comox Strathcona Waste Management Service (CSWM) and runs from May 1 to July 31, 2012 or while supplies last (limit of one rebate per household).

"Our regional landfills are nearly full, and organic matter makes up about 35 per cent of household garbage that we send to the dump. It's also a source of methane gas, one of the most potent greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change," says Councillor Larry Samson. "This new program encourages more citizens to compost kitchen scraps and to be part of protecting our environment by helping to reduce greenhouse gases and the amount of waste going to the landfill as well as adding nutrients to our soil."

As part of the rebate program, a free "Learn to Compost" workshop will take place Wednesday, June 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the CSWM compost education centre at 228 South Dogwood Street (across from Strathcona Gardens recreation complex).

Residents interested in participating in the rebate program will need a numbered voucher and a voucher form from the City of Campbell River. Send the completed voucher form along with the original receipt for the composter purchase and a photo of the purchaser with the newly installed composter to the City to have the rebate processed.

To access a rebate voucher contact amanda.taylor@campbellriver.ca or telephone 250-286-5721.

For more information visit: www.campbellriver.ca/residents/greencity.

For hands-on compost training, stop by the CSWM compost education centre at 228 South Dogwood Street Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Photo: ***Shari and Kaiyas Derhousoff are the first Campbell River family to receive a \$50 rebate to help them start composting.***