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Spring Recycling Events and Activities in Denver

DENVER, CO — APRIL 16, 2009 — Don't miss out on these exciting and free upcoming recycling events and activities taking place in Denver.

EARTH DAY FAIR – APRIL 22

On **Wednesday, April 22nd** the City & County of Denver will be celebrating Earth Day to inspire awareness and appreciation for our planet. The “2009 Earth Day Fair” will be held in **Civic Center Park from 10 AM to 2 PM**. The fair is free and open to the public. More than 50 exhibitors will be displaying and demonstrating information about energy conservation, recycling, composting, pollution prevention, transit options, water conservation, renewable energy, natural resources and many other environmentally beneficial activities.

The 2009 Earth Day Fair is sponsored by the City & County of Denver (Denver Environmental Health, Greenprint Denver, Facilities Management, Denver Public Works, Denver Office of Economic Development, Solid Waste Management/Denver Recycles, Parks & Recreation and). For a list of scheduled fair exhibitors and to find out more about the 2009 Earth Day Fair, please visit online at **DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles**.

GARDEN PLASTIC POT RECYCLING DRIVES - APRIL 25 & JUNE 27

“Keep the Plants, We’ll Take the Pots!” Plastic garden pots of any size or color will be collected for recycling at two upcoming events.

- **Saturday, April 25 – South High School** (Louisiana Ave. & Franklin St.), 9 AM-3 PM.
- **Saturday, June 27 – Denver Botanic Gardens** (909 York St.), 9 AM-3 PM.

In addition to plastic garden pots, hanging baskets (with wires removed), plastic carrying trays and flower pack holders will be collected for recycling. Please remember, these plastics are NOT recyclable in your purple Denver Recycles’ purple cart. Also, NO paper, glass, trash or items other than plastic plant containers will be collected at these events. Plastic garden pots are also accepted for recycling anytime at local participating garden stores. For a list of participating stores go online to **GardenCentersofColorado.org**.

These events are sponsored by the Garden Centers of Colorado, Monrovia Nursery, the Denver Post and Denver Recycles (a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management). For more information on this event, please visit online at

TREecycle MULCH GIVEAWAY & LEAFDROP COMPOST SALE – MAY 2

The City & County of Denver’s annual “**Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & LeafDrop Compost Sale**” will be held on **Saturday, May 2nd from 8 AM to 3 PM**. The mulch is made by grinding up the Christmas trees collected from residential homes this past holiday season and the compost is made from leaves collected in last fall’s LeafDrop program.

There will be five sites around Denver where residents can go to pick up FREE mulch (while supplies last):

- **Havana Nursery** (10450 Smith Rd., two blocks south of I-70 on Havana St.). Loader service for trucks and trailers and dig-your-own.
- **Fred Thomas Park** (Quebec & 26th Ave.). Dig-your-own mulch.
- **Sloan’s Lake Park** (Sheridan & 17th Ave.). Dig-your-own mulch.
- **Veterans Park** (Iowa & Vine). Dig-your-own mulch.
- **Bear Creek Park** (On Raleigh south of Dartmouth). Dig-your-own mulch.

Compost will only be SOLD at the Havana Nursery site (10450 Smith Rd.) by A1 Organics at the incredibly low price of \$3 per 10-gallon bag (about 40 pounds) or about \$30 per cubic yard (plus tax). Compost will only be available while supplies last. Please bring your own bags or containers. Loader service for trucks and trailers will also be available for compost. Please note that there will be a limit of 3-cubic yards of compost per vehicle.

To find out more about this event, visit us online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

FREE “LEARN TO COMPOST” CLASSES – MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

From May through October residents can learn the basics of backyard composting by attending one of the **FREE “Learn to Compost” classes** sponsored by Denver Recycles/Solid Waste Management, Denver Urban Gardens and the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District. Making compost is easy, fun and a great way to improve your garden naturally.

The classes are free, but participants must register for classes ahead of time. A complete list of class dates, times and registration information is available online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or by calling **720-865-6810**. All classes are held at the Denver Backyard Composting Demonstration Site located in the Gove Community Garden located at E. 13th Ave. and Colorado Blvd.

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