



Compost Open House for Earth Day

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VICTORIA, BC — What better way to celebrate Earth Day than learning about composting at a free, interactive Open House in Beacon Hill Park?

Join us for the *Compost Open House for Earth Day* next Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Beacon Hill Park Maintenance Yard, located at the end of Nursery Road. Meet *Professor Rotter* and *Dr. Wiggles* from the Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre and discover our Compost Science Lab, Wiggling Worms, and Worm Squirm Race. You'll also learn how the City's Parks Division composts leaves and branches for re-use on City garden beds and trails.

Participants are encouraged to bring a bag, bucket or wheelbarrow to take home some well-composted "earth" in recognition of Earth Day. Children will be provided an heirloom vegetable seed to plant and take home. Dr. Michelle Gorman, the City's Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, will be on hand between noon and 1 p.m. to answer pest questions.

The *Compost Open House for Earth Day* is hosted by the City of Victoria, in partnership with the Greater Victoria Compost Education Centre and the LifeCycles Project Society. The event will be held rain or shine, so please dress for the weather. Registration is not required. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?*

City of Victoria Parks has been recycling organics for over 20 years. In 2009, they produced 2,100 cubic metres of compost – enough to cover a Canadian football field over a half metre deep.

Earth Day is a day designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment. It is held in numerous countries and celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

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Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

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