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recycle right newsletter

A monthly publication helping Western Australians to reduce their household waste, recycle right and live more sustainably.



ALL SYSTEMS FOGO

On the 19th of April, a trial of a 3-Bin Food Organics Garden Organics or FOGO system was announced. The 3-bin FOGO system will be the first of its kind in the Perth Metropolitan area.

Check out the video at youtu.be/PIRdApIZF10 to see how it's going to work and for more information visit recycleright.wa.gov.au/3-bin-system-fogo-trial/

COMPOST IN MAY

Get your hands dirty this May and find out more about compost. From backyard worm farms and compost bins to large scale alternative waste treatment processes, the ways you can reuse your waste go beyond your recycling bin!

For more than 10 years, the SMRC has been taking the contents of people's general waste bins and recovering the organic component as compost. Many schools, community groups and organisations will be visiting the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale to discover how we turn waste into a resource. All tour participants who come on a tour during May can enter the draw to **win a cubic metre of compost**, thanks to our compost partner Nutrarich.



To book, contact the Tours Coordinator on **9256 9528** or tours@smrc.com.au.

Hurry, spaces are limited.

You can also watch this amazing process from the comfort of your own home by visiting youtu.be/EaHJH012sWw



Many councils, such as the SMRC councils below, offer rebates on worm farms and compost bins as well as providing advice through workshops. Visit your council website for more details.

City of Cockburn

www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Council_Services/Waste/Worm_Farm_and_Compost_Subsidy/

City of Melville

www.melvillecity.com.au/environment-and-waste/sustainability/subsidies-and-rebates/compost-bin-rebate

City of Fremantle

www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/residents/waste-recycling/home-composting-worm-farms



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Problem Waste



E-Waste

Obsolete technology such as mangled mobiles, fritzzy faxes, tetchy televisions and corrupt computers are often dumped in household bins. These items will inevitably end up in landfill, where heavy metals have the potential to contaminate. Not even the most problematic printer deserves such a depressing end.

There is hope though! These machines contain valuable non-renewable resources such as aluminium, gold, copper, steel and zinc, which can all be recovered and recycled if disposed of correctly. You can use the Recycle Right app to find out where to drop off your e-waste and give your printer a chance of life as something new!



DO YOU LOVE WA'S UNIQUE NATURAL PLACES AND WILDLIFE?

Get involved with local action for a healthy planet and stronger community during Eco May



ECO MAY

Eco May is a month-long celebration of WA's unique environment and sustainable living, organised by the Conservation Council of Western Australia (CCWA). During Eco May, community groups, organisations, schools and councils all over WA are hosting eco-themed activities.

Whether you get together for a bushwalk, hold a film night, organise a workshop, lead a clean-up, or promote sustainability in another way - any eco-themed activity or event during the month of May can be registered for Eco May.

To register an event or two find out more information, check out ccwa.org.au/ecomay2017

INTERNATIONAL COMPOSTING AWARENESS WEEK

Sunday 7 May – Saturday 13 May 2017

This May marks the return of International Compost Awareness Week Australia, a week of activities, events and publicity to improve awareness of the importance of compost, a valuable organic resource and to promote compost use, knowledge and products. Compost helps to reduce carbon pollution by avoiding landfilling organic materials and helping to build healthier soils.

For more information visit compostweek.com.au

UPCOMING LIVING SMART COURSES

Have you wondered how you can make your life more sustainable? Reduce your waste and slim your bin? Meet more people in your community? Living Smart is a 7-week course that will inspire you to make sustainable changes in your own home with your family.

Success 10am – 12.30pm – Commencing 13th May

For more information visit livingsmart.org.au/whats-happening/courses-events/



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