

Denver Recycles' Roundup

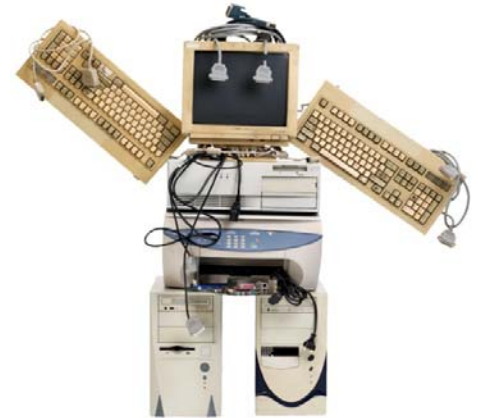
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[Editor's Note: Denver Recycles' Roundup is a monthly news column written by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management. It includes updates on seasonal and ongoing activities related to the City and County of Denver's residential recycling and composting programs. Editors are invited to publish all or part of the column; however, we request that you run major edits by our staff to ensure accuracy of the information. Questions may be directed to Juri Freeman at Denver Recycles, 303-446-3557.]

Electronics Recycling Collection Event, Saturday, June 7th

Recycle Your Old Electronics Before They Take Over! Take over all your storage space that is. Join other Denver residents in recycling electronic items on **Saturday, June 7th** from 9 AM to 1 PM at Metech Recycling at 500 W. 53rd Place in Denver. As a bonus each event participant will **receive a free super efficient LED light bulb** complements of the City's Denver Energy Challenge program.

Event participation is by appointment only. Sign up at Denver-ecycle.eventbrite.com and select your appointment time slot, then show up on June 7th at your scheduled appointment time with your electronic items. There will be a **\$5 per vehicle fee** which includes the first two "screens" (televisions, monitors and/or laptops). Additional screens will cost an additional fee of \$5 per screen. A normal fee per screen can range from \$15 to \$40 so take advantage of this low cost event. This event is being brought to you by Denver Public Works/Denver Recycles, Denver Environmental Health and the Denver Energy Challenge.



Items accepted for recycling include: Televisions, monitors, CPUs, laptops, printers, scanners, faxes, keyboards, mice, stereos, external hard drives & storage devices, cellular phones, telephones, DVRs, VCRs, digital cameras, video recorders, MP3 players, video game consoles, wires, cables and some small appliances such as microwaves. **Items Not Accepted:** Air conditioners, large appliances, vacuum cleaners, car batteries or household batteries (rechargeable batteries okay).

This event is open to Denver residents only. No commercial or business recycling. One free LED light bulb per participating vehicle recycling electronics. For more information about how to help save energy visit the Denver Energy Challenge program at DenverEnergy.org.

Denver Recycles encourages residents to take advantage of this discounted opportunity to recycle electronic items, as these items are no longer accepted in the trash. It is now illegal for Colorado residents and residential waste haulers to dispose of electronics in landfills (Colorado's Electronic Recycling Jobs Acts, SB 12-133, 4/20/12). If you're not able to attend this event, call 311 (720-913-1311) or visit DenverGov.org/Recycle for other electronic recycling options offered by Denver Recycles.

For more information visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles, call 311 (720-913-1311) or e-mail DenverRecycles@DenverGov.org.

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FREE Learn to Compost Classes

Compost is a crumbly, nutrient-rich soil amendment that is great for your plants, lawn and garden. Learn how easy it is to make compost in your backyard from food scraps and yard waste at Denver Recycles' and Denver Urban Gardens' **FREE** Learn to Compost classes. Making your own compost not only improves your lawn and garden, it also saves you money, reduces the materials you send to the landfill, and increases your overall soil quality. Classes start at the end of April and are offered until the middle of October at the Denver Compost Demonstration Site located in the Gove Community Garden at 13th and Colorado Blvd. For a complete list of class dates and times, visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.



Each hands-on, two-hour Learn to Compost class teaches the basics of backyard composting. Special in-depth Worm Workshops and Build-a-Pile classes are also offered.

- **WORM WORKSHOPS** focus on vermicomposting (worm composting) and will be held once each month, May through October.
- **BUILD-A-PILE CLASSES** give participants hands-on experience building an entire compost pile, including incorporating different ingredients, chopping materials, watering and turning the pile. Five Build-a-Pile classes will be held throughout the season.

Class registration is first come, first served. Registration for each class opens one month prior to the class date. Pre-registration is required to attend the classes.

Composting is a fun, easy activity that allows the whole family to participate in recycling and results in a nourishing soil amendment that holds moisture in the soil for extended periods of time. Compost also opens clay soils, allowing better drainage, and closes sandy soils, preventing water from leaching away too quickly.

Organic materials like leaves, branches, grass clippings and food scraps make up more than half of what Denver residents send to the landfill every year. You can help reduce that amount by learning how to compost these items in your backyard and help your plants, lawn and garden thrive!

To review the class schedule and register for a class, go online to www.dug.org/compost or call 303-292-9900.

This program is sponsored by Denver Recycles (a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management) and Denver Urban Gardens. For more information about this program or other Denver Recycles programs call 311 or visit us online at DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

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