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MMSB Hosts Public Education Workshops to Help Residents Learn To Compost

International Compost Awareness Week is May 5 – 11 and the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB) is inviting Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to *Learn to Compost* by participating in a free one-hour workshop, taking place in communities throughout the province from May through October 2014.

“With more than 300 tonnes of organic waste being disposed of in our landfills everyday, MMSB is committed to helping Newfoundlanders and Labradorians learn how to successfully create a healthy backyard compost bin and turn their waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. We encourage residents to register for MMSB’s *Learn to Compost* workshop, by visiting www.mmsb.nl.ca or calling 1-800-901-MMSB.”

- Mike Samson, Chief Executive Officer, Multi-Materials Stewardship Board

MMSB is also partnering with municipalities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador to offer backyard compost bins to their residents at a reduced rate along with *Learn to Compost* training sessions. Participating municipalities include: Burgeo, Carbonear, Conception Bay South, Lewisporte, Paradise, Portugal Cove-St. Phillips, St. Alban's, Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board (St. Anthony), St. George's, St. John's, Whitbourne and Witless Bay.

For more information on how to purchase backyard compost bins at a reduced rate and the 2014 schedule of municipal training sessions, residents can contact their municipality or visit www.mmsb.nl.ca. Since 2005, MMSB has partnered with more than 100 municipalities to distribute over 28,000 compost bins to residents across the province.

MMSB is a Crown agency that reports to the Minister of the Environment and Conservation. MMSB supports modern waste management practices in the province, with a particular focus on waste diversion, recycling and public education, in order to ensure a clean and healthy environment throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

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