

## **Newfoundland and Labrador Celebrates International Compost Awareness Week**

St. John's, NL - In recognition of International Compost Awareness Week (May 2-8), The Multi-Materials Stewardship board (MMSB) is encouraging Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to embrace nature's version of recycling and compost organic waste. Organic waste is material that will decompose naturally over time including food, yard, paper and cardboard waste.

In celebration of International Compost Awareness Week, MMSB will share composting information and tips through its social media channels. Additionally, building on this year's theme, "grow, eat, compost, repeat", MMSB will offer online workshops to support residents in backyard composting. Sessions are available for those curious about composting, as well as a question and answers workshop for those already composting.

In an effort to help communities divert organic waste, MMSB annually partners with communities to offer backyard composting bins to residents at a reduced rate. During spring 2021, MMSB distributed 1,650 bins to 21 communities. In addition to the bins, MMSB works with participating communities to ensure residents have access to backyard composting education sessions. Since 2005, MMSB has partnered with over 116 communities and distributed more than 33,000 compost bins to residents across the province.

MMSB has also supported communities and businesses in implementing community and commercial compost projects through its funding programs.

### **Quotes**

"We share a responsibility to protect our environment for future generations by making greener choices every day. During International Compost Awareness Week, we can all be environmental stewards by reducing waste in our communities and backyards by composting organic material. Every step we take together by choosing more sustainable environmental options can make a difference."

Honourable Bernard Davis  
Environment and Climate Change

"On average, 41% of what we throw away in Newfoundland and Labrador is wasted food. MMSB is proud to support residents in learning to compost through its workshops and resource material. Through backyard composting, we can recycle this material in the way nature intended, reducing the amount of waste being sent to our landfills while also helping create healthy, green gardens."

Dermot Flynn  
Chair, Multi-Materials Stewardship Board of Directors

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### **Learn more:**

- [Food Waste](#)
- [Backyard composting](#)

- [MMSB Composting Workshops](#)
- [Backyard Compost Bin Distribution Program](#)
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