

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

St. John's, NL - In recognition of International Compost Awareness Week (May 3-9), the Multi-Materials Stewardship board (MMSB) is encouraging all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to reduce organic waste sent to landfills through composting at home. Organic waste is material that will decompose naturally over time including food, yard and paper and cardboard waste.

Each year, MMSB participates in a number of activities during International Compost Awareness Week to help promote composting in Newfoundland and Labrador. This year, as more people are home due to COVID-19, MMSB will be promoting backyard composting through online education and awareness activities.

Online workshops are available for the next six weeks to all residents of Newfoundland and Labrador to support composting at home. Sessions are available for those curious about composting, as well as a question and answers workshop for experienced composters. Additionally, information and tips will be shared on MMSB's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) during the week.

### **Quotes**

“Our Government is committed to protecting the environment and composting is a sustainable way for people to reduce waste going to our landfills. As we are home with our families during this time, I encourage everyone to participate in one of the Multi-Material Stewardship Board's online workshops to learn how to compost. We continue to work with the recycling and waste industries on strengthening the level of services they provide to the people of our province.”

Honourable Derrick Bragg  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

“Organic waste represents as much as 30 per cent of the waste we generate in Newfoundland and Labrador. Composting is essentially nature's way of recycling. With the right supports, most residents can undertake this straightforward solution to reducing waste and harmful landfill greenhouse gases. We look forward to offering information and online composting workshops to all residents as we celebrate Compost Awareness Week.”

Dermot Flynn  
Chair, Multi-Materials Stewardship Board of Directors

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- [Food Waste](#)
- [Backyard composting](#)
- [MMSB Composting Workshop](#)
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