

Compost Education Program

The Lower Merion Township Environmental Advisory Council is offering a compost bin program. Would you like to learn how to compost yard and food waste in your own backyard? Composting is an easy way to reduce waste and save money. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, one person generates an average of approximately 1.35 pounds of organic or compostable waste per day. That equals almost 500 pounds per person every year! This waste can be composted at home and made into a compost or humus material that can be used in your gardens and flowerbeds. Using compost on your gardens returns organic material back into the natural cycle and promotes a healthy soil ecosystem.

The cost of the program is **\$40.50** and includes attendance at an educational seminar and one compost bin. Additional bins may be purchased for **\$40.50**. Note that attending the education program is not required, so if you don't want to attend and just want the compost bin, please indicate on the form below.

Date and time: Saturday, March 20, 2010 @ 10 AM (program will last approximately 1 hour)

Location: Lower Merion Township Building, 75 E. Lancaster Avenue, Ardmore, PA

Deadline for receipt of application: February 19, 2010

Bins will be available for pickup the day of the education seminar and arrangements may be made if you cannot pick up at this time.

The program is NOT limited to Lower Merion Township residents and business owners may participate. The compost bin that will be provided is the Earth Machine, a recycled plastic 80 gallon container that is simple to set up and use. Additional information is available on the internet (www.earthmachine.com).

If you are interested in participating in the compost bin program, please mail this form along with your check made payable to "Lower Merion Township" to:

Eric Lowry
109 St. Pauls Road
Ardmore, PA 19003

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Lowry at ericlowry@yahoo.com.

Compost Bin Program Information Form

Name _____ Number of bins: _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Would you like to be attend the education program? YES / NO