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**South Coast Backyard Composting Workshop 2009**

A free backyard composting workshop is being offered by the County of Santa Barbara on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The event will take place at Santa Barbara City College's Lifescape Gardens, located at SBCC's east campus and overlooking Santa Barbara Harbor. More detailed directions are available on the website listed below. The event is free to the public and any one who is interested in composting is encouraged to attend.

The workshop will introduce people to what composting is, how it happens, different methods of composting, what materials can be composted and how to use finished compost.

Interested persons should show up at the site prior to the 10:00 a.m. start time and sign in.

Materials that can be composted are up to 50% of what is thrown away at home every day. Composting is a natural process that breaks down organic waste and transforms it into a valuable nutrient rich soil amendment, perfect for gardens, lawns and house plants. It is nature's way of recycling. Composting is part of a long-term waste management strategy in the County and has many environmental benefits.

The event is presented by the County of Santa Barbara, Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

To find out more about the workshop and bin sale, composting or other ways to reduce your waste visit [www.lessismore.org/compost](http://www.lessismore.org/compost) or call (805) 882-3618.

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