

2011 City of Terrace Backyard Composting Incentive Program

- Beginning April 1st, 2011, the City of Terrace will again provide \$25 incentives on the purchase of backyard composter units.
- Incentives will be available at point of purchase to the first 60 City of Terrace residents.
- Available at local participating retailers – RONA and Canadian Tire
- Limit one per household
- Purchaser must live within the City of Terrace (be a City of Terrace resident) and produce supporting ID at the time of purchase
- Purchase price must be above the total value of the incentive
- This program is not retrospective; all composter purchases must be made between April 1st, 2011 and December 31st, 2011 (or until all incentives are used up)

Why Backyard Compost?

Reducing the amount of waste that ends up in the landfill has significant impacts on ground and air pollution. The finished compost is a nutrient-rich material that can improve soil structure, aeration and water retention. Composted organics are a valuable resource which can return nutrients to the earth!

Organic materials in our landfill undergo anaerobic (the absence of oxygen) decomposition which produces methane gas. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more powerful than carbon dioxide (CO₂, i.e. vehicle exhaust). As well, the moisture content of organics contributes to the creation of leachate, a liquid that can drain from landfills and if not captured, can be a threat to ground and surface water quality.

Managed properly, compostable organics can be a renewable resource and an effective means of waste diversion!

Visit www.terrace.ca or email: tirwin@terrace.ca for further details.

