

2nd Session Added!



YOU ARE INVITED - Tuesday, April 23 – Composting Workshops

9:00 AM Session is FULL

1:00 PM Session now added!

Have you wanted to be a successful backyard composter? Have you been collecting your materials into a pile to compost but nothing seems to be happening? What's the big deal about composting and organic materials management anyway? Do you want to take your passive compost to the next level with hot composting? You'll never look at your coffee grounds, eggshells and slimy cucumbers the same again!

You will learn how collecting, composting and using finished compost effects your soil and your community. This informative and upbeat presentation on backyard composting is for you!

Scope of the Workshop:

- Introduction
- Food Waste Reduction
- Food Recovery
- Compost – Definition, Examples – touch, smell, observe samples
- Why Compost? Resource in vegetative scraps/ improve soils
- Process – Materials; Nitrogen (Greens), Carbon (Browns), Air (Oxygen), Water
- Where do the materials, trash and recycling go from the curb locally?
- Importance of knowing where your food comes from, your water source, and where your discards go
- Vermicomposting
- Recap and Questions

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am, Tuesday April 23 (**FULL!**)
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – NEW SESSION ADDED

Location: Lower Level of the Government Center

Speaker: **Amy Freeman**, Organics Maven Composting Specialist
Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc.

Amy has been working in the composting and recycling field for many years. Her current work includes Iris Waste Diversion Specialists, Inc. as the Organics Maven and Composting Specialist. She is the Composting Technician with the Michigan Food and Farming System (MIFFS) Women in Agriculture Farm Development Center on the campus of Genesys Hospital in Flint, Michigan. She also works with Country Oaks Landscape and Composting in S.E. Michigan. Amy is an active member of the Michigan Organics Council.

Amy loves people and values relationships. She is a true “connector”. She is passionate about reducing waste, identifying resources, local self-reliance, and looking for the possibilities in any situation.

As an Organics Maven, Amy thrives on education about all things food; from building healthy soils to growing nutrient dense food to end of life of food scraps. Education, recovery, processing and utilization drive Amy to be an expert in this industry. She provides technical assistance and education on organics management and works to increase local, nutritious food in her food systems work.

NO COST! **RSVP:** 231-256-9812, or planning@co.leelanau.mi.us

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