

Improve your composting knowledge and become a Compost Champion!



Compost for Somerset

Home Composting

Compost Bin Offer

Contact us (email)



The Somerset Waste Action Programme (SWAP) is offering free training to local people who are keen to join the successful Compost Champions scheme.

SWAP is looking for individuals who are keen to learn more about home composting and would like to attend a free training day on **Saturday 20th February**, 10am to 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Frome.

This interesting and informative day will cover a variety of home composting topics including how to:

- Build or buy a compost bin
- Get the right composting mixture
- Compost additional items like vacuum cleaner contents and cardboard packaging
- Different types of compost bins/systems e.g. wormeries, green cone, Bokashi bins.
- Solve your composting dilemmas
- Pass your composting knowledge onto others.

All we ask in return is that you take the time to pass your composting knowledge onto others. This may involve talking to friends, family and neighbours or attending local fairs, events and fetes – we'll even pay your travel expenses for you and provide you with everything you will need for a display.

You may have heard about similar schemes running across the UK such as Master Composters and Compost Ambassadors.

If you would like to join a few like-minded people to develop your composting skills at one of our free training sessions, please reply to this email (hm.swap@carymoor.org.uk) or phone Rupert or Hilary on 01963 351350 for further details.

Volunteers must be living within Somerset (West Somerset, Sedgemoor, Mendip or South Somerset District Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council) to be able to attend the free training.

Please pass this information onto anyone who may be

interested in attending the training and joining the scheme.

Benefits of Home Composting



Did you know a third of the waste produced from your household could be composted!

Composting organic waste at home is a natural process that transforms your kitchen and garden waste into a great fertiliser for your garden and the best thing is that it's inexpensive!

Home composting is also a great way to stop organic waste going to landfill, reducing the amount of greenhouse gases being released into our atmosphere.

Compost Champions Scheme



In February 2009 SWAP launched the Somerset Compost Champions scheme and now works with 40 keen volunteers who pass on their experiences of home composting to their local community.

SWAP has been overwhelmed with the amount of enthusiasm the Compost Champions have for promoting home composting. Since February they have visited over 23 events throughout Somerset .

Events attended include the Bath and West Show, Thistledown Farm open fortnight, Frome Home Composting Event and Fivehead Open Gardens Day. Many have also been talking to friends, family, neighbours and local community groups.

Somerset Waste Action Programme



The Somerset Waste Action Programme (SWAP) is a team of 6 experienced Waste Education Officers who work with schools and community groups across Somerset , raising awareness of waste issues.

SWAP is a joint venture between the Somerset Waste Partnership, which provides waste and recycling services on behalf of all local authorities in Somerset and the Carymoor Environmental Trust. Carymoor is an education charity that promotes sustainability to all ages.



SWAP can provide a number of free workshops, presentations and activities to schools and community groups in Somerset about waste minimisation, recycling and composting. For more information click [here](#)

To contact SWAP: email hm.swap@carymoor.org.uk or phone 01963 351350.

Visit our website for detailed information and useful tips on



reducing, re-using, recycling and composting everyday household waste: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

Compost bin and water butt offer



Why not take advantage of an excellent compost bin offer and start composting your kitchen and garden waste at home. You can receive a compost bin for as little as £16.50. Many compost bins and water butts of varying size and design are on offer.

A handy tip to make great compost for your garden is to have a mixture of 50% 'greens' and 50% 'browns' in your compost bin. Greens include fruit and vegetable peelings, grass cuttings and nettles. Browns include scrunched up paper and cardboard, brown leaves and sticks. Add the correct mixture of greens and browns to your compost bin and in 6 to 12 months you'll have fine crumbly compost for your lawn, flower bed, vegetable patch or hanging basket.

For more information and to order your bin, click on the icon 'Compost bin offer' at the top.

Useful Links



Somerset's Waste and Recycling Website:

The Somerset Waste Partnership's website promotes waste minimisation, recycling and composting in Somerset . www.somersetwaste.gov.uk



Carymoor Environmental Trust:

An education charity based at Dimmer Landfill Site, near Castle Cary that promotes sustainability to all ages. www.carymoor.org.uk



Recycle Now Campaign: A national campaign to encourage individuals to reduce waste and recycle more, making better use of resources and helping to tackle climate change. www.recyclenow.com



Love Food Hate Waste Campaign: A national campaign to raise awareness of the need to reduce food waste. www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.

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By e-mailing we save paper and ink! If you have any comments about our website or newsletter please let us know.



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