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City Celebrates International Composting Week

City and Green Restaurants Team Up to Demonstrate How Composting Reduces Waste, Benefits Environment

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities teams up with Atlas Disposal, the UC Master Gardeners, the Green Restaurant Association of Sacramento, and Hot Italian Restaurant to host an International Composting Week Celebration on May 3, 2011 at 5 p.m. at Hot Italian Restaurant, 1627 16th Street in Sacramento. Attendees will learn firsthand how they can compost in their yard or vermi-compost in their own homes. Hot Italian will also provide "Earth Tub" demonstrations which composts food waste from the restaurant, limiting their waste production and carbon footprint. The first 100 attendees will get a free kitchen composter and other organizations will be on hand to share information about ways to reduce food waste in the community.

"Composting is a great way to limit how much waste goes to the landfill while creating a great nutrient-rich additive for your soil," said William Skinner, Interim Integrated Waste General Manager for the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. "People are often surprised at how easy it is to do and how much it can reduce their food and yard waste."

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities also offers free composting seminars and discounted prices on composting bins. In addition, the Sacramento City Council will be approving a resolution in honor of International Composting Week on April 26, 2011 at 6 p.m. For more information on the City of Sacramento's Composting Program, please visit www.cityofsacramento.org/compost.

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