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Interested in Composting or Saving Rain Water?

Composting is a practical way to reduce waste, combat climate change and save money on trash disposal and gardening materials. Composting turns your yard and kitchen waste into valuable "black gold" that improves your soil and feeds your plants. It's easy to do and the benefits are terrific!

Rain barrels collect water from house gutters and the water can be used on gardens and other plantings. The water is chlorine free and the life in the soil love it. Rain barrels can significantly reduce water usage and save homeowners money.

The City of Middletown Public Works Department and The Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments are working together to offer a community compost bin and rain barrel sale to help residents conserve water, reduce waste and save money!

If interested, go to <https://rivercogcompostersale.ecwid.com/> for more information and to place orders. Orders must be placed online by April 8, 2021. A masked, socially distanced pick up will be on Sunday, April 11th at Veteran's Memorial Park on Walnut Grove Road in Middletown from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and at Tractor Supply 401 Middlesex Turnpike in Old Saybrook from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. When ordering, the customer must choose which location for pick up.

A Backyard Composting presentation with UConn Master Composters, Danielle Butsch and Ruth Eckhoff, will be available on the City of Middletown website (<https://www.middletownct.gov/1139/Recycling-Presentations>) after March 15, 2021. The presentation will be recorded and available to watch anytime.

Questions about composting can be sent to Middletown Recycling Coordinator, Kim O'Rourke, at Kim.orourke@middletownct.gov or 860-638-4855 or to RiverCog Community Planner, Janice Ehle Meyer, at jehlemeyer@rivercog.org 860-581-8554.