

Compost Kids
Fact Sheet

What: FREE "Compost Kids" Field Trip
(Cost of bus transportation and field trip subsidized by Hamilton Co., Solid Waste Management District.)

Where: Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati
2715 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45206

When: Fall 2007

Who: Grades 2-6, Maximum of 30 students, 1 chaperone per 10 students

Why: Students will learn about composting, soils, and gardening while participating in a number of hands-on activities.

The trip will take about 3 ½ hours, not including transportation time, and will follow this general schedule:

30 min	Arrival and introduction
25 min	Hands-on activity - work with compost
25 min	Hands-on activities - examine compost under magnifying glass, search for and identify bugs
10 min	Explain recycling, wash hands
30 min	Lunch, bathroom, clean-up
30 min	Make paper pots
30 min	Decomposition Scavenger Hunt
30 min	Soil squeeze (looking at different soils)
	Depart for school

How: Agree to distribute and discuss the Solid Waste Management District's "Get-a-Bin" brochure, administer pre- and post-compost surveys, and complete 3 hours of composting and solid waste instruction with your students. To apply for the trip, complete and return the attached application. Attach a copy of your lesson plans focusing on 3 hours of composting and solid waste education. (Lesson plans provided on request.) Please retain a copy of the fact sheet and application for your records. **Application due on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.**

Questions: If you need lessons plans or ideas, or you have questions about this program, please call or email Catherine Walsh at Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District at (513) 946-7737 or Catherine.Walsh@hamilton-co.org.

Compost Kids FREE Field Trip Application Form

Fall 2007

Please complete the following application and return to the address below by **Wednesday, September 19, 2007**.

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address (include zip code): _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade: _____ Number of Students: _____

Estimated Travel Time from School to Civic Garden Center: _____

Earliest Pick-up time at School: _____

Latest Drop-off time at School: _____

Bus Reimbursement Request: \$ _____

(Contact your transportation manager or provider for a quote.)

Does your school have a coordinated, school-wide recycling program? Yes No

If yes, who is the recycling coordinator?

Name and Contact No.: _____

If no, would you or someone at your school consider becoming the recycling coordinator?

Name and Contact No.: _____

I agree to teach my students a 3-hour unit on composting and solid waste issues, discuss and distribute the District's "Get-a-Bin" brochure, and administer a brief pre- and post-compost survey to my students. I understand I must schedule my bus. If the trip is cancelled for any reason, I must notify the transportation provider at least two hours prior to the school pick-up time or I will be responsible for late cancellation expenses.

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate your top three choices of dates from the list below:

1st _____

October 1, 5, 10, 11, 12, 18, 19, 22, 26, or 29

2nd _____

3rd _____

Are there any of these dates that you cannot attend? Please list here: _____

Complete the application, including signatures, and attach your lesson plans.

Mail or fax your application to: Catherine Walsh, Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District, 250

William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45219, or fax it to 513-946-7779.

Qualified applicants will receive a confirmation letter in the mail, which will contain detailed instructions on how to receive your bus reimbursement.