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## Master Composter Training Registration Underway

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The Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority (BCSWA), with support from Apple Valley Waste and the Tabb and Son Compost Facility is hosting a popular three-day training class to assist residents, organizations and businesses in becoming a backyard composter. Participants will learn how to effectively compost kitchen and yard waste in the backyard. The practice of backyard composting reduces landfilling and produces a useful soil amendment that reduces herbicide and pesticide levels in local watersheds.

The Master Composter class is set for Thursday June 4th, Friday June 5th, and Saturday June 6th. The class will meet from 6pm to 9pm on June 4th and June 5th; and from 8:30am to 5pm on Saturday, June 6th. An instructional tour of the Tabb and Sons Composting facility will be offered on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The class will be taught by Certified Master Composters Melanie Files and Rick Lowman.

The instructional program will include both classroom and hands on instruction and is scheduled to take place at the Kearneysville Tree, Fruit Research and Education Center at 67 Apple Harvest Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430. Hands on instruction will occur at a nearby offsite location.

The cost for the training is \$40.00. This fee includes the three-day training, Tabb Composting Facility tour, the Rodale Book on Composting, a Reotemp Thermometer and a lunch on Saturday, June 6th. West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia residents are welcome to participate. Class size is limited to 25 students and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the BCSWA at 304-267-9370 or [office@berkeleycountyrecycling.com](mailto:office@berkeleycountyrecycling.com)