



The BROWN LEAF

Arlington Master Composters

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Local Rain Barrel Retailers

Handley Feed

7429 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth
817-451-2431
\$18.99 each.

Marshall Grain

2224 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth
817-536-5636
\$17.99 each

SAVE THE DATE

Ecofest 2011 is scheduled for September 17th. We are seeking volunteers to teach compost classes including vermicomposting and to work the recycling information booth.



Rain Barrel Making Class

Thursday, August 11, 2011
Southwest Branch Library
3311 SW Green Oaks Blvd.
6-7:30 PM



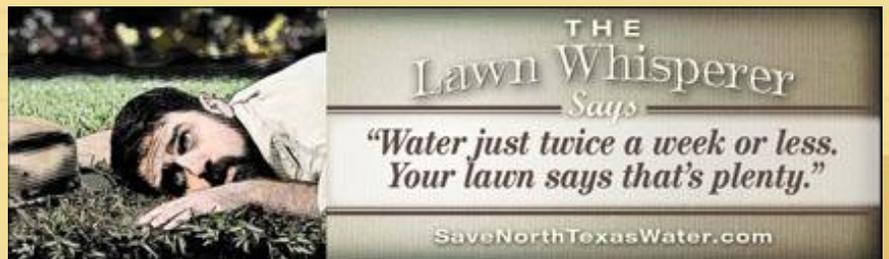
Dustan Compton, Arlington's water conservation coordinator will teach the class and help with the construction of the rain barrels.

BYOB – bring your own barrel – we'll provide everything else.

Two rain barrel retailers are listed to the left. However, you may purchase your rain barrel wherever you'd like.

This class is for Arlington Master Composters only. Feel free to invite a guest but they will not receive the free stuff (hose bib, screen, etc.).

Please **RSVP**: 817-459-6778 or lorrie.anderle@arlingtontx.gov no later than August 8th.





River Legacy Educational Garden

Arlington Master Composer, Jay Hertzler, with support from the Arlington Men's Garden Club and Arlington Master Composters is planning and designing a garden that will be located at the backyard compost demonstration site and incorporated into the River Legacy Living Science Center's educational programs.

The planned area is 544 s.f. with 3 raised beds (one wheel chair accessible) yielding 232 s.f. of planting space for vegetables and herbs.

Once the garden is complete, the RLLSC will begin to include garden classes on their calendar of events and include gardening in some of their existing programs.

Additionally, the Master Composters will incorporate it into the monthly backyard composting classes and will use it to show the fruits of their labor.

Ground prep and construction will hopefully begin sometime in August so be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities.

Way to go Jay!



Dear Arlington Master Composters:

The City of Arlington and Republic Waste are proposing a change to curbside recycling in Arlington. It's called automated collection.

What does this mean to Arlington residents? Instead of putting recycling on the curb in 22-gallon open-top bins, 95 or 65-gallon carts with wheels and a lid will be used for recycling. Instead of lifting and carrying or dragging bin(s) to the curb, you will be able to simply roll your recycling to the curb.

The proposed program will increase recycling and decrease wind-blown litter in neighborhoods. It will also reduce injuries to the collection workers.

Due to expenses associated with the roll out of the program, there will be a slight increase in the residential garbage rate. Currently, Arlington residents pay \$11.94 per month for curbside garbage and recycling collection. If approved, the residential rate will increase incrementally a total of \$1.09 over the following year bringing the rate to \$12.23 per household per month.

Other issues are tied to the proposal such as a 20-year contract extension for Republic Waste, a ten million dollar CNG fueling station, **AND funding for my position and programs!**

This is good news for me and for the Arlington Master Composter program. Unfortunately, we will not have a final answer until the city council approves the FY2011/2012 budget sometime in September. Until then, keep your fingers crossed.

Please do not hesitate to call me for clarification of the information above. We want Arlington Master Composters to have their facts straight about the proposed changes.

Yours truly,

Lonnie Anderle

