

Become an Urban Gardener

Participate in webinars that teach fun techniques to brighten your home.

Composting is a fun way to add nutrients to your garden and increase its vitality. In the process, you also recycle organic waste, including leaves, grass, clippings, and even kitchen scraps. Growing your own fruits and vegetables is not only healthy and fun but can also save you money. Replacing turf (lawn) with drought-tolerant landscaping not only saves water but also attracts birds and butterflies.

Where to learn? Participate in a webinar offered by Los Angeles County. Learn the basic concepts of backyard and worm composting, small-space gardening, organic gardening, and water-wise gardening from the comfort of your home.

You'll learn to:

- Nourish your garden with compost converted from yard waste
- Turn kitchen scraps into a rich fertilizer through worm composting
- Convert your balcony into a place to enjoy with small space gardening
- Manage pests without the use of pesticides
- Landscape with native drought-tolerant plants to attract diverse biota
- Grasscycle to fortify your lawn

These practices help the environment too by reducing greenhouse gasses, conserving water, and minimizing the use of toxic pesticides. It also helps us to comply with various mandates such as Assembly Bill 939, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, which requires jurisdictions to divert 50 percent of their waste and Senate Bill 1383, which aims to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed in landfills.

Join a webinar today, register at Smartgardening.com. For more information, please email at SmartGardening@pw.lacounty.gov.

