

# Explore Creative Possibilities in Your Garden



Gardeners looking to enhance their skills and improve the aesthetics of their gardens need look no further. The Smart Gardening Program of the Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) will give you the 4-1-1 on how to make your garden look and thrive at its best through the practice of composting and organic gardening. Composting and organic gardening are excellent ways to supplement your garden's nutrients and provide the strength and energy your plants require to remain vibrant.

Where can you get the 4-1-1? Residents are invited to attend free weekly webinars or monthly workshops offered by Public Works' Smart Gardening Program and presented by certified Master Gardeners. The webinars cover different smart gardening techniques including backyard composting, worm composting, organic gardening, small-space gardening, and water-wise gardening.

Beginner workshops are for newer gardeners to learn the basic techniques of backyard composting, worm composting, water-wise gardening, grass-cycling, and edible gardening in one session. While advanced workshops educate participants

on fundamental principles of drought-tolerant landscaping, integrated pest management, and organic gardening. Workshops are held in libraries, parks, and other venues throughout Los Angeles County.

The webinars and workshops benefit gardeners of all skill levels and run about 1 to 1.5 hours, respectively. After each session, Public Works will have compost bins available for purchase at a discount, and encourage you to start. Besides contributing to the garden, composting helps jurisdictions comply with Senate Bill 1383, which mandates the reduction of organic waste disposed in landfills.

Public Works has offered workshops for over 20 years, while the webinars began recently due to Covid-19 Safer-at-Home Orders where thousands have participated. To register for a webinar, find a workshop nearby, or for more information, please visit [SmartGardening.com](https://www.smartgardening.com). For questions, residents can email [SmartGardening@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:SmartGardening@pw.lacounty.gov).