

Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Media Advisory



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SOIL WEALTH: COMPOSTING CREATES RICH SOIL
Simple Compost Workshop at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden

WHAT: Turn your garbage into nutrient-rich soil for your garden! An informational workshop offered by the Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) will help the home gardener identify which composting method is best for their lifestyle and will explain how compost can be created in your own backyard and applied at home.

WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 2014
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Halawa Xeriscape Garden
99-1268 Iwaena Street
Halawa Valley's Central Park Industrial Area

COST: Free for members of the FOHXG (depending on level of membership), \$5.00 for non-members.

DETAILS: Due to state and federal concerns over the spread of the coconut rhinoceros beetle, commercial mulch will no longer be available at Halawa Xeriscape Garden. Compost is the next best alternative! Compost is mulch broken down into its most beneficial form and you can plant directly into compost.

Composting methods to be discussed include: traditional compost pile, vermicast (composting with worms), Bokashi (EM1 breakdown), burying kitchen scraps, adding manure to compost (cattle, chicken, rabbit), and inorganic methods including blue chip, white coral, red and black cinder, and decorative bark. Hand-outs will be distributed on each method. Mini barrels will also be available.

REGISTER: **Advanced Registration is Required.** Registration opens on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2014, or when all spaces are filled. Call 748-5363 or email workshops@hbws.org to register. For more information about xeriscaping or classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden, log on to www.boardofwatersupply.com. BWS security requires full name and address of all participants.

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