

Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Media Advisory



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*Please note this instructional workshop has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 26, 2010.

**Learn How to Compost at the Board of Water Supply's
Halawa Xeriscape Garden**

Composting reduces waste and outdoor water use while keeping plants healthy.

WHAT: The Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS), in partnership with the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, will host an instructional workshop on the benefits of composting.

Participants will learn how to start composting and will get to take home a pre-cut, 15-gallon drum to use as a compost bin.

WHEN: Saturday, June 26, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

DETAILS: Composting provides a way to reduce the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of while converting it into a product that is useful for gardening, landscaping, or house plants. It improves soil structure, texture and aeration, while increasing soil's water holding capacity.

Participants who attend this workshop will learn the difference between compost and mulch along with tips on how to properly use both. This workshop will teach attendees about the benefits and disadvantages of the different types of compost systems so they can decide which system best suits their needs. Resources will also be made available to help participants start, maintain and properly use healthy compost at home.

COST: The activity fee is \$5 for the general public. (There is no fee for members of the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden).

REGISTER: **Advanced registration is required!** To register for this activity or for additional information, email tours@hbws.org or contact Diane Moses at 748-5363. Registration ends on Thursday, June 24th or when the class is filled.

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