Honolulu Board of Water Supply

Media Advisory

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BOKASHI COMPOSTING WORKSHOP AT
HALAWA XERISCAPE GARDEN

WHAT: A hands-on workshop offered by the Board of Water Supply (BWS) and the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden (FOHXG) will teach you how to make your own Bokashi mix and produce compost in a manageable space without smell, bugs, or heat.

WHEN: Saturday, January 17, 2015
                        10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

DETAILS: Has the spread of the coconut rhinoceros beetle hampered your composting efforts? Have no fear Bokashi is here! Come join us and instructor Jan Nadamoto to learn how to compost with microbacteria. That's right, Bokashi is a quick and easy way to turn food waste into compost through the use of a unique mix of natural microbes called Effective Microorganisms. An advantage to Bokashi is it's a great way to create compost without strong odors or bugs. An alternative to traditional composting, the Bokashi method was discovered more than 30 years ago by Japanese microbiologist and organic farmer Dr. Teruo Higa. At this workshop, participants will be taught how Bokashi composting works and the variety of ways the mix and by-products can be used.

COST: Workshop fee is $10.00, which includes instruction and guidance, and one pound of Bokashi mix which will be ready to use approximately two weeks after the class. Cost for FOHXG members is $5.00.

REGISTER: <u>Advanced Registration is required.</u> Registration begins on Tuesday, December 30, 2014, and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015, 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, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com. BWS security requires full name and address of all participants.

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