Date: December 15, 2022

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

From: Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **2023 Master Composter Recycler (MCR) Program**

The Department of Public Works Environmental Services Bureau (ESB) will host three in-person eight-week sessions of the Master Composter Recycler (MCR) Program. This free program is available for residents 18 years old and up to gain in-depth knowledge of waste reduction strategies, recycling, backyard composting, and vermicomposting systems. This program engages residents to learn more about these topics with the desired outcome that residents use their knowledge to engage and educate their community through volunteer opportunities. The 2023 MCR program dates are:

**Winter 2023 MCR Program:**
- When: Thursdays, February 9 through March 23, 9 am-12 pm (additional reunion date TBD)
- Where: ESB, 2929 E Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90806
  - Registration opens on 01/02/23 at 10:00 am and will close once the class and the wait list reach capacity.

**Spring 2023 MCR Program:**
- When: Thursdays, April 6 through May 18, 4 pm-7 pm (additional reunion date TBD)
- Where: ESB, 2929 E Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90806
  - Registration opens on 03/06/23 at 10:00 am and will close once the class and the wait list reach capacity.

**Fall 2023 MCR Program:**
- When: Saturday, September 9 through October 21, 9 am-12 pm (additional reunion date TBD)
- Where: ESB, 2929 E Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90806
  - Registration opens on 08/07/23 at 10:00 am and will close once the class and the wait list reach capacity.

Long Beach residents ages 18 and older can register for the upcoming Master Composter Recycler program sessions at [bit.ly/RegisterMCR](https://bit.ly/RegisterMCR). All recycling and composting experience levels are welcome. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

For more information, please see the attached flyer or visit [bit.ly/lbmcrprogram](https://bit.ly/lbmcrprogram).
If you have any questions, please contact Diko Melkonian, Environmental Services Bureau Manager/ Deputy Director of Public Works at (562) 570-2856.

ATTACHMENT: MCR FLYER.PDF

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Learn how to inspire others in your community to reduce waste, compost, and recycle!

The City of Long Beach invites you to participate in our Master Composter Recycler Program (MCR). This eight-week training is offered at no cost and provides Long Beach residents with a unique opportunity to explore, in-depth, the fascinating world of waste reduction, composting, and recycling. Participants who complete the training course and the required volunteer hours will become certified Master Composter Recyclers.

What You’ll Learn

- Waste Reduction Strategies
- Recycling History and Current Practices
- Backyard Composting and Vermicomposting (Worm) Systems
- How to Engage Your Communities

2023 Program Info

Eligibility: City of Long Beach residents. Ages 18 and up.
Location: City of Long Beach Environmental Services Bureau 2929 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA 90806

Program Dates and Times:

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Thursdays, February 9 - March 23’
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Spring MCR Program
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4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fall MCR Program
Saturdays, September 9 - October 21’
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*An additional reunion date to be determined.

Registration Deadlines:
Space is limited! For registration dates, scan the QR code to the right, or visit bit.ly/lbmcrprogram

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Have questions or need more information? Visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles

To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Department of Public Works at lbrecycles@longbeach.gov or 562-570-2850. A minimum of three (3) business days is requested to ensure availability. Reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate request made within less than three (3) business days.