

Date: December 27, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **2024 Compost and Recycling Ambassador Program**

The Department of Public Works Environmental Services Bureau (ESB) will host two in-person eight-week sessions of the Compost and Recycling Ambassador (CRA) Program. The CRA program is offered at no cost and is available for residents 18 years and older 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.

Since its start in Fall 2022, the program has trained 62 residents across all nine council districts. We look forward to continuing to educate the community and encouraging them to activate their neighborhoods. The 2024 CRA program dates are as follows:

Spring 2024 CRA Program:

- **When:** Thursdays, March 21 through May 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. An additional reunion class is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Where:** ESB, 2929 E Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90806
 - o Registration opens on 02/12/24 at 10:00 a.m. and will close once the class and the wait list reach capacity.

Fall 2024 CRA Program:

- **When:** Saturday, September 7 through October 19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. An additional reunion class is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Where:** ESB, 2929 E Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90806
 - o Registration opens on 07/29/24 at 10:00 a.m. and will close once the class and the wait list reach capacity.

Long Beach residents ages 18 and older can register for the upcoming CRA program sessions at bit.ly/applycra. All recycling and composting experience levels are welcome. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

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For more information, please see the attached flyer or visit bit.ly/longbeachcra. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Rowland at (562) 570-2850.

ATTACHMENT: CRA FLYER.PDF

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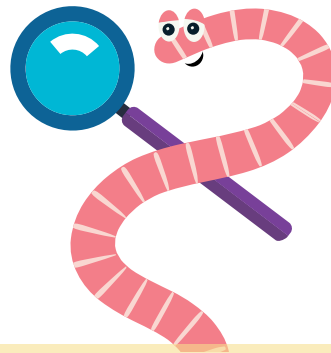
Become a Compost and Recycling Ambassador

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 Compost and Recycling Ambassador (CRA) Program. This eight-week training is offered at no cost and combines lectures, hands-on experiences, and collaboration to teach community members about waste reduction strategies; recycling history, systems, and practices; and provides training on at-home composting. Participants who complete the training course and the required volunteer hours will become certified Compost and Recycling Ambassadors.

What You'll Learn

- Waste Reduction Strategies
- Recycling History and Current Practices
- Backyard Composting and Vermicomposting (Worm) Systems
- Key Messaging & How to Volunteer



2024 Program Information

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 from March 21st through May 2nd.
An additional reunion class is scheduled for May 30th.
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Fall CRA Program
Saturdays from September 7th through October 19th.
An additional reunion class is scheduled for December 7th.
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Registration Deadlines:

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



Register online for our 2024 CRA Program!

For more information, visit bit.ly/longbeachcra or scan the QR code



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Have questions or need more information? Visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles or call 562-570-2869



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 requests made within less than three (3) business days.

