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CHINO BASIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Compost Man Spreads the Organic Message At Saturday's Composting Workshop

Inland Empire – On Saturday, July 17, 2010 Compost Man (aka: Dave Schroeder, Chino Basin Water Conservation District's Water Conservation Specialist) helped educate and motivate over fifty local residents to start composting their organic materials. These materials include yard trimmings, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, and other paper products.

The class instructor, Debby Figoni, highlighted the importance of closing the loop by having homeowners recycle and reuse their yard materials back in their yard. Figoni explained that it was cheaper and more eco-friendly to make your own soil amendment instead of buying it.

San Bernardino County's Department of Public Works provided outreach materials and subsidized compost bins to residents, while Inland Empire Utilities Agency donated bags of their *SoilPro* Premium Compost to all attendees.

In addition to teaching residents about composting, CBWCD gave away over forty yards of locally generated tree mulch. Residents from all around CBWCD's area were thrilled to have the opportunity to obtain free mulch for their yards. Mulch is not only decorative, but also reduces evaporation in the soil and helps with weed control.

Residents are invited to learn about backyard composting at CBWCD's composting area located in their water wise demonstration garden. CBWCD is located at 4594 San Bernardino Street in Montclair and is open to the public seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about composting or CBWCD's free workshops visit www.cbwcd.org or call 909-626-2711.

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