

YARD TRIMMINGS

Lawns can thrive better by leaving grass clippings on them after cutting. Grass clippings provide essential nutrients, add valuable organic material and reduce evaporation and the need to water. Grass clippings can supply 25% of your lawn's nitrogen needs.

WATERING REQUIREMENTS

Did you know that established lawns only need 2.5 cm of water a week, including rainfall? Water your lawn only when it needs it. Longer, infrequent watering will help to develop deeper, healthier roots.

CHOOSING GARDEN PLANTS

Consider choosing drought-tolerant native plants. A drought-tolerant plant can survive with very little watering once it is established. Natural rainfall amounts are usually enough for these plants, if they're growing in their suited location.

Additional information about water conservation and composting can be found on the Metro Vancouver website:

www.metrovancouver.org



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Water Conservation & Composting in New Westminster

RAIN BARRELS

You can do your part to conserve our region's drinking water by storing rain to use for your plants and gardens. Did you know that lawn and garden watering accounts for the largest portion of residential water use in the summer? Water demand in the summer is up to 60% higher than in the winter because of outdoor uses such as watering plants, yards and washing the car.

Consider playing a part in water conservation by purchasing a rain barrel to water your plants.

The City is providing to residents of New Westminster a 75 gallon plastic rain barrel for \$75.00 including taxes. The rain barrels measure 54" high, 42" wide and 21" deep*; please ensure the vehicle transporting the rain barrel is large enough.

Please call Engineering Operations at 604-526-4691 during office hours (7:00am to 4:00pm) if you would like to order a rain barrel.

Payment for the rain barrel can be made by cash or cheque only, at time of pick-up.

*137cm high x 107cm wide x 53cm deep



75 gallon recycled plastic rain barrel

BACKYARD COMPOSTING

Studies show that more than 40% of what we send to the landfills is organic waste (e.g. garden refuse, leaves, vegetable scraps, etc.), some of which can be composted at home.

Participation in home composting not only reduces the amount of waste at the dump, but results in fewer waste trucks on the road and less methane gas (a very potent greenhouse gas) generated from the landfills. This in turn provides air quality benefits. In addition, compost (the end product) is an excellent nutrient-rich material to add to your garden.

The City's backyard composter program offers New Westminster residents an 80 gallon plastic composter ("The Earth Machine") for \$30.00 including taxes. Composters can be picked up at the City's Works Yard. Please call Engineering Operations during office hours at 604-526-4691 during office hours (7:00am to 4:00pm) to order or confirm availability of the composters.

Payment for the composter can be made by cash or cheque only, at time of pick-up.



Backyard Composter

WORM COMPOSTING

The City is excited to offer a worm composter program to the numerous New Westminster residents who don't have a backyard, but would like to compost. The program includes an instructional workshop (required before purchase) included with the purchase of the kit. The kit includes a bin (~14.4 US gallons), tray, lid, worms, garden fork, bedding and guide-book –all for the subsidized price of \$35.00 including taxes.

The first scheduled workshop and sale of the worm composter kits will begin in the Spring of each year. Workshops will be scheduled based on demand. Composters are only available at the workshop. Please call Engineering Operations at 604-526-4691 during office hours (7:00am to 4:00pm) if you would like to be placed on a waiting list to attend a one-hour workshop and receive a kit.

Payment for your worm composter kit will be made at the workshop by cash or cheque only.



Worm Composter