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### **CUYAHOGA SOLID WASTE DISTRICT TO HOLD COMPOSTE SEMINAR AT CASSIDY THEATRE**

*Compost bins available for purchase*

**Parma Heights** - In an effort to provide Cuyahoga County residents with “how-to-compost” instructions and affordable compost bins, the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District will conduct a Composting Seminar at the Cassidy Theater in the Greenbrier Commons on Wednesday, April 17th, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Composting bins will be made available for purchase at the conclusion of the 60 minute seminar.

“Our community and its residents care about the environment and have shown this through greatly increasing our recycling efforts. This is another opportunity to further increase awareness of the many ways in which we can all reduce our carbon footprint,” explained Mayor Michael P. Byrne.

Compost is rich in nutrients and is used in gardens, landscaping, horticulture, and agriculture. The compost itself is beneficial for the land in many ways, including as a soil conditioner, a fertilizer to add vital humus or humic acids, and as a natural pesticide for soil. In ecosystems, compost is useful for erosion control, land and stream reclamation and wetland construction.

Compost consists of organic materials derived from plants and some animal material that has been decomposed largely through aerobic decomposition (with oxygen). The process of composting is simple and is practiced by individuals in their homes, farmers on their land, and by industries and cities through contracts with composting businesses.

Please visit the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's website for information on composting and the seminar at <http://cuyahogaswd.org/en-US/Composting.aspx>.

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