

**FREE workshops** July to December 2010

# Composting Worm Farming Water Conservation

Create a sustainable garden – and do your bit for the environment!

Come along to Council's free workshops to learn how to:

- reduce household waste by composting and worm farming
- save water with techniques such as mulching and plant grouping
- create the conditions your plants need to thrive



**Workshops will be held from 10am to 12pm at the following locations:**

10 July	<a href="#">Currumbin Ecovillage</a>
14 August	<a href="#">Helensvale Community Centre</a>
18 September	<a href="#">Nerang Library</a>
23 October	<a href="#">Robina Library</a>
13 November	<a href="#">Burleigh Waters Community Centre</a>
11 December	<a href="#">Joan Park Community Centre, Southport</a>

**Bookings – phone 07 3488 9660**

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# Tips for the home gardener

## Composting and worm farming

- Worms don't have teeth and need soft foods to thrive!
- Break food into small pieces – it will be easier for your worms to eat.
- Moisture drained from the worm farm is a good liquid fertiliser when diluted.
- Add egg shells regularly to reduce acidity and keep your worms healthy.
- Prevent insects, fruit flies, or mould – cover fresh food with hessian, cardboard or old carpet.

Did you know that 50% of the contents of your waste bin is able to be composted!

## Saving water

- Always be aware of water restrictions.
- Install a rainwater tank to use in the garden as an alternative to the city's water supply.
- Select drought-tolerant native plants to reduce water needs.
- Use a good mulch – mulching can prevent up to 70% evaporation.
- Always use a trigger hose, bucket or watering can when washing your car or watering the garden.

Play your part – become a Garden Watersaver today.

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