

City and County of Broomfield

Gardening, Recycling, Energy, Environment, Nature Calendar



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GARDENING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM SERIES- NEW CLASSES AND A NEW LOCATION for the 2013 Environmental Program Series! You are invited to participate in the following events. All classes are held at the **Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce Street.** For additional information, contact sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329

Exploring for New Garden Plants – presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions and the Denver Botanic Gardens. Mike Bone, head propagator and Curator of Steppe Collection for Denver Botanic Gardens will share his plant exploration experiences from Kazhakhstan to Kansas. Learn how sites are chosen and what it takes to bring a plant into production for general distribution through the Plant Select[®] Program. Date: Thursday evening, **March 7**, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Designing a Xeriscape Yard- presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions. This class will give you the tools you need to prepare a landscape design for water conservation and year-round enjoyment. Learn the landscape designer's 7 Principles of Xeriscape, soil amendments, proper irrigation, and the use of appropriate plants. We will introduce low-water use landscape ideas to reduce lawn areas, create useable spaces and enhance visual appeal in your yard. Date: Saturday morning, **March 9**, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Get the Dirt on Designing Your Yard – presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions. Learn the basics of planting and designing a Xeriscape landscape. Learn how to start with a good design for re-landscaping an existing yard or planting a new yard. Date: Saturday morning, **March 9**, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sprinkler System Efficiency- presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions. Tired of paying high water bills and want to conserve water and save money? Join us for a discussion on easy ways to save water and promote healthy plant growth. Learn about sprinkler system components and ways to retrofit your existing systems so they will operate more efficiently. Date: Saturday morning, **March 16, 9** -11 a.m.

Top Ten Indoor Plants for Brown Thumbers– presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions in conjunction with Denver Botanic Gardens. The top 10 easy-care houseplants for people without a green thumb will be profiled by Ann Montague, Horticulturist from Denver Botanic Gardens. Date: Thursday night, **March 21**, 6:30-8 p.m.

Let's Talk Trees– presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions. Join Broomfield's City Forester and Horticulture staff for a discussion on basic tree care ranging from tree selection, planting, pruning and even when to hire an arborist. Discover how trees can help reduce your energy and water use. Learn about the tried and true tree species plus new tree selections to consider planting. Find out what disease and insects may be bugging your trees. Remember if you plant a tree, you have to care of it. Date: Saturday morning, **March 23**, 9 -11 a.m.

Rose Gardening - presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions. Discussion will involve the basics of rose selection, types of roses and maintenance of roses. Learn how to be creative and maintain a healthy rose garden. Date: Saturday morning, **April 6**, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Native Species- presented by City & County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions. This class will provide a wealth of information about native plants including colorful wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees that are well adapted to our climate, soils, temperatures, and elevations. Date: Saturday morning, **April 6**, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Backyard Composting and Vermicomposting – If you've ever thought about composting your yard and kitchen waste but weren't sure how to begin, this is the perfect workshop for you! Learn the basics of backyard composting or using worms to vermicompost. Turn fallen leaves, food scraps, and other organics into a rich soil amendment. Date: Thursday evening, **October 17**, 6:30 – 8 p.m. OR Saturday morning, **October 19**, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Green Cleaning: Non-Toxic Household Cleaning – presented by Broomfield's Environmental Services. Do you know what chemicals are found in your daily cleaning supplies? Learn simple ways to make your home safer for you and your family. The presentation focuses on making the transition from "traditional" cleaners containing harmful chemicals to non-toxic cleaners. Date: Saturday morning, **November 2**, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

<u>PAPER SHREDDING PROGRAM</u> – Presented by Broomfield's Environmental Services and Shred-It. Bring your confidential tax, medical, and bank forms for safe and secure destruction. Limit of three boxes (banker's or copy paper boxes weighing no more than 35 lbs. per box) per vehicle. Shred-It will also take up to three 32-gallon trash bags of shredded paper.

Date: Saturday, **April 13,** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. OR Saturday, **September 14,** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: #6 Garden Center, Broomfield - west parking lot

Contact: Shirley Garcia, <u>sgarcia@broomfield.org</u> or 303.438.6329

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTINGS – Park and school tree plantings are planned at several Broomfield locations.

Date: Week of **April 15–19**, please call for specific dates, time, and locations.

Contact: Tom Wells, <u>twells@broomfield.org</u>, 303.464.5651

EARTH DAY SCIENCE CAMP JUST FOR KIDS! – Presented by Broomfield's Environmental Services, Stormwater, and Park Services Divisions. Only 50 slots are available for children ages 6 to 12 to be dropped off for a morning of science experiments, games and learning about the environment. **FREE** goodie bag for each child.

Date: Saturday morning, **April 20,** 9 a.m. – Noon

Location: Broomfield Community Center, Lakeshore Rooms, 280 Lamar St.

Contact: Please register with Environmental Services at 303.438.6329 or sgarcia@broomfield.org

PRESCRIPTION DRUG WASTE COLLECTION DAYS - It's not safe to flush prescription drugs down the toilet or throw them in the household trash! Broomfield's Environmental Services Division and Police Department are partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration in its Prescription Drug Take-Back Program. Please bring unwanted or expired prescription drugs (liquid or solid) for safe disposal—no questions asked. NO appointment is necessary. Intravenous solutions, injectables, needles and illicit substances will NOT be accepted.

Date: Two Saturdays: Spring, April 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. OR Fall **TBD***, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 W. 124th Ave.
Contact: Shirley Garcia, <u>sgarcia@broomfield.org</u> or 303.438.6329

<u>SPRING CLEAN UP</u> – The **Broomfield Rotary Clubs and ARC Thrift Store will provide FRONT PORCH pick-up of tagged clothes and reusable items.** Call the ARC number below for donation guidelines. Broomfield has contracted with **Western Disposal Services to provide CURBSIDE pick-up of large non-hazardous waste** items not normally taken by the trash haulers. Large waste items at the curb by 7 a.m. on your designated day will either be picked up for recycling or taken to the landfill. Please make sure your large items are separated from your normal weekly trash. Watch the *Broomfield Enterprise*, Channel 8's community calendar, and the city's web page at www.broomfield.org/environment in March for a map and a detailed list of accepted and non-accepted items. This program is for **Broomfield residents only.**

Contact: Field Services at 303.438.6334 for general questions and 303.438.6329 for specific waste questions

ARC Thrift Store at 303.238.5263 for reusable item donation information

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS – By Appointment Only! Environmental Services provides this program for Broomfield residents only to dispose of household hazardous waste and electronic waste FREE of charge. Additional information and instructions will be provided when your appointment is confirmed.

Date: Two Saturdays: Spring, May 11, 9 a.m. – Noon OR Fall, October 5, 9 a.m. – Noon

Location: Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 W. 124th Ave., Broomfield

Contact: **FOR APPOINTMENT** call 303.438.6334; for all other questions contact <u>sgarcia@broomfield.org</u> or

303.438.6329

Can't wait for the next collection day? Call the Hazardous Materials Management Facility at 720.564.2251 for information. Use of the drop-off facility in Boulder, 1901c 63rd St, is free to Broomfield residents. The Boulder facility is open year round, but **does not** accept electronic waste.

BROOMFIELD RECYCLING CENTER XERISCAPE PLANTING – presented by Broomfield's Environmental Services and Park Services Divisions. Join us and bring your family, troop or organization to help plant our newly designed garden. Learn how to plant a garden with trees and low-water use plants. Space is limited. Prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Date: Saturday morning, **June 1**, 9 a.m. – Noon Location: Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce St.

Contact: Please register with Environmental Services at 303.438.6329 or sgarcia@broomfield.org

<u>TWILIGHT STROLL IN THE GARDEN</u> - presented by Broomfield's Environmental Services and Park Services Divisions, CSU Extension and Denver Botanic Gardens. If you haven't visited Broomfield's Xeriscape Demonstration garden during the evening, you are encouraged to attend this event. Horticulturist Ann Montague of Denver Botanic Gardens will be on hand to talk about the plants and horticultural practices. Take in the summer plant delights and enjoy the tranquility of the garden.

Date: Thursday evening, **June 6**, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Broomfield Xeriscape Garden, George Di Ciero City and County Building, One DesCombes Drive

Contact: Shirley Garcia, sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329

<u>AMERICA RECYCLES DAY</u> – presented by Broomfield's Environmental Services. Celebrate America Recycles Day with us. Bring your pumpkin for a kids pumpkin toss. Make holiday items from used materials. Free refreshments will be provided.

Date: Saturday, **November 9**, 9 – Noon

Location: Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce Street
Contact: Shirley Garcia, sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329



<u>TREE LIMB RECYCLING DROP-OFF</u> - This popular program is open for Broomfield residents only. (No commercial or business use.) Proof of residency is required to prevent unauthorized use. Surplus mulch is available free to residents. Bring your shovel and take as much as you need. Leaves and pumpkins will only be accepted inside the Tree Limb Recycling Drop-off fence during normal hours of operation from October 19 - November 27.

Time: Please note the hours of operation are Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Wednesdays, 1 - 5 p.m. only.

The drop-off is CLOSED at all other times. Please check the website for holiday closures.

Location: Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce St.
Contact: Tom Wells, twells@broomfield.org, or 303.464.5651

<u>WASTE MOTOR OIL AND COOKING OIL RECYCLING</u> — Year-round recycling programs are available to Broomfield residents for motor oil and cooking oil, (limit five gallons for each type of oil per household per month). Never mix motor oil and cooking oil together or with any other liquid. Collect your used oils separately in sturdy sealed containers to transport. Cooking oil must be liquid to be poured into the receiving barrel. All containers are returned to residents for reuse or proper disposal.

Days: Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month (excluding holiday weekends),

8 a.m. - Noon

Location: Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 W. 124th Ave. Contact: Jenny Sisson, jsisson@broomfield.org, 303.438.6336

*Confirmed dates will be provided on the city's web page at www.broomfield.org/environment, in the *Broomfield Enterprise* and on Channel 8's community calendar. Please note: All of these programs are available to *Broomfield Residents only, at no charge. No business or commercial wastes will be accepted at any of the above collection events or programs. weather. When in doubt, please call the contact number to verify status of the program.