City and County of Broomfield

Gardening, Recycling, Energy, Environment, Nature

2014 Calendar

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GARDENING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM SERIES **NEW LOCATION**, New Classes, and Your Favorite Classes for 2014. You are invited to participate in the following events. For additional information, contact Shirley Garcia at sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329.

The following classes, presented by City and County of Broomfield's Park Services and Environmental Services Divisions, **WILL BE HELD AT THE GEORGE DI CIERO CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING, ONE DESCOMBES DR.**

DESIGNING A XERISCAPE YARD - 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 turf areas, create useable spaces, and enhance visual appeal of your yard.
Date: Saturday, **March 8**, 9 - 11 a.m.

LET'S TALK TREES - Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was discovered in Boulder in September 2013. Join Broomfield's City Forester and Horticulture staff for a discussion about this invasive and destructive insect and how it will affect Broomfield's urban forest. Discussion will include strategies to combat EAB. Our subject matter expert will be able to answer your questions and address your issues.
Date: Saturday, **March 22**, 9 - 11 a.m.

NOXIOUS WEEDS IN COLORADO - Ever wonder if the flowering plant that keeps growing wild in your yard is a weed or just an uncontrollable plant? This class will give you basics of what a weed is, its impacts, its characteristics, and how to control them throughout the seasons. Our climate, soils, temperatures and elevations can be a perfect environment for those pesky weeds.
Date: Saturday, **April 5**, 9 -11 a.m.

ROSE GARDENING - Love those rose gardens and thought about planting roses in your garden, but were afraid to because you thought they were high maintenance? Join us and learn about the basics of rose selection, types of roses, and the maintenance of roses. Learn how to be creative and maintain a healthy rose garden or add a splash of color to your yard.
Date: Saturday, **April 12**, 9 -11 a.m.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS 101 - This class will give you the basics of an irrigation system. Learn the components and layout of irrigation systems. This is a hands-on opportunity to learn about lines, sprinkler heads, and controllers. This class is for those putting in new systems or for someone that wants to upgrade their old system to conserve water and save money. To ensure an efficient and long-term system, you will learn how to repair or adjust sprinkler heads and controllers. The class will end with a **tour of the Xeriscape Garden** for a demonstration of the irrigation system, including repairs.
Date: Saturday **May 3,** 9 -11:30 a.m.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS 102 - This class provides a case study with suggestions to retrofit a yard and things to look for to provide optimum efficiency and water conservation. Learn why there is a need to conserve water. Learn how to set your controller, calculate run times, schedules, and the relationships between our clay soils and water absorption and run-off. Broomfield will share its efforts to conserve water and the positive environmental impact. You will be given information to schedule your own FREE outdoor irrigation audit and will already have the tools needed to make informed decisions.
Date: Saturday, **May 17**, 9 -11 a.m.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BROOMFIELD RECYCING CENTER, 225 COMMERCE ST.

FAIRY GARDEN - Join us and use your imagination and creativity to learn how to make a Fairy Garden. Learn to select the right container and/or location in your yard for your garden, what drainage is needed, and what to plant. A Fairy Garden is a great family project and its ideas are endless.
Date: Saturday, **June 7**, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

RAISED GARDEN BEDS - Join us to learn about the basics and benefits of a raised garden. Raised gardens use smaller spaces, produce a higher yield for the area, and make gardening easier. Techniques will include construction materials, planning and design, building a bed, soils for raised beds, and plants for raised beds.
Date: Saturday, **June 14**, 9 - 11 a.m.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING AND VERMICOMPOSTING - Tired of throwing away all that scrap food and/or fighting your clay soil in your garden? This is the class for you. If you have ever thought about composting your yard and kitchen waste but weren't sure how to begin, this is the perfect class. 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 9**, 6:30 - 8 p.m. OR Saturday morning, **October 11,** 9 - 11 a.m.

GREEN CLEANING: NON-TOXIC HOUSEHOLD CLEANING - 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 without using harsh chemicals. This presentation focuses on making the transition from "traditional" cleaners containing harmful chemicals to non-toxic cleaners. FREE non-toxic cleaning recipe cards for attendees.
Date: Saturday **October 18**, 9 -11 a.m.

HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY - presented by City and County of Broomfield's Environmental Services Division and Xcel Energy partners. Cold weather is just around the corner! Learn how to perform informal energy audits to promote energy efficiency, comfort, savings and identify overall environmental impact problems in your home. A guest speaker in the energy profession will provide tips on what to look for to reduce energy consumption in your home. A FREE energy conservation item will be given to each attendee.
Date: Thursday evening, **October 23**, 6:30 - 8 p.m. OR Saturday morning, **October 25,** 9 - 11 a.m.

PAPER SHREDDING PROGRAM - 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 12**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. OR **September 13**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: #6 Garden Center - west parking lot (east of Walgreens and north of Wells Fargo Bank)
Contact: Shirley Garcia, sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTINGS - Park and school tree planting is planned at several Broomfield locations.

Date: Week of **April 14 - 18**, please call for specific dates, time, and locations.
Contact: Tom Wells, twells@broomfield.org, 303.464.5651

EARTH DAY SCIENCE CAMP JUST FOR KIDS! - presented by Broomfield's Environmental Services, Park Services, Stormwater, and Wastewater Divisions. Only 50 slots available for children ages 6-12. Drop them off for a morning of science experiments, games, and learning about the environment. FREE goodie bag for each child.

Date: Saturday morning, **April 26**, 9 a.m. - Noon
Location: Broomfield Community Center, Lakeshore Rooms, 280 Lamar St.
Contact: Please register with Environmental Services, sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329

PRESCRIPTION DRUG WASTE COLLECTION DAYS - It's not safe to flush prescription drugs down the toilet or throw them in the 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. Watch the Broomfield Enterprise, Channel 8's community calendar, and the city's web page at www.broomfield.org/environment for information as dates are provided by DEA.

Date: Two Saturdays: Spring, **April 26**, 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, sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329

SPRING CLEAN UP - **NO ELECTRONIC WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Broomfield has contracted with **Western Disposal Services to provide CURBSIDE pickup 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. The **Broomfield Rotary Clubs and ARC Thrift Store will provide FRONT PORCH pick-up of tagged clothes and reusable items.** 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

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 10**, 9 a.m. – Noon OR Fall, **October 4**, 9 a.m. – Noon
Location: Norman Smith Service Center, 3001 W. 124th Ave., Broomfield
Contact: **FOR AN APPOINTMENT** call 303.438.6334; for all other questions contact sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY - 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 15**, 9 – Noon
Location: Broomfield Recycling Center, 225 Commerce Street
Contact: Shirley Garcia, sgarcia@broomfield.org or 303.438.6329

TREE LIMB RECYCLING DROP-OFF - 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 18 - November 26.**

Days: 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

WASTE MOTOR OIL AND COOKING OIL RECYCLING - 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. All programs are subject to cancellation in the event of severe weather. When in doubt, please call the contact number to verify status of the program.**