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Compost Happens! Hands-On Lessons for Beginners

LIBERTY, NY—Compost is decomposed organic material made with things like leaves, shredded twigs, and kitchen scraps from plants. To gardeners, compost is considered "black gold" because of its many benefits in the garden. Adding compost to clay soils makes them easier to work and plant. In sandy soils, the addition of compost improves the water holding capacity of the soil. By adding organic matter to the soil, compost can help improve plant growth and health. Composting is also a good way to recycle leaves and other yard waste. (<https://extension.illinois.edu/compost/process.cfm>)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers a basic Compost Happens! workshop for beginners on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This program will be held at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Bill Cutler of Sullivan County Department of Public Works and Nancy Schunk, CCESC Master Gardener Volunteer will present the basics of composting. Participants will learn various composting methods and what to compost when.

Cost is \$10 per person and \$5 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine.

Program fees support the cost of instructors, refreshments, materials, and facilities. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance by visiting www.sullivancece.org, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

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