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Wealth from Waste:

Beachwood to launch composting initiative with Rust Belt Riders

(BEACHWOOD, OHIO –April 2, 2024) – The City of Beachwood is taking a proactive approach to waste reduction with the launch of a new residential composting program in partnership with Rust Belt Riders. This initiative commences with a kickoff event on Earth Day, April 22, at 10:00 a.m., on the west side of the Beachwood Community Center, 25225 Fairmount Blvd. The program is designed to engage residents in sustainable practices by offering free composting for food scraps.

Mayor Justin Berns stressed the accessibility of the collection spot. “The composting collection bins will be conveniently located alongside the public recycling bins outside the Beachwood Community Center. We can all make a positive impact on the environment and our community by composting food scraps.”

To participate, residents can now sign up through the registration form available at: BeachwoodOhio.com/composting. Upon registration, residents will receive a unique code to unlock the collection bins, allowing them to deposit their food scraps on a weekly basis. Scraps should be collected in a 5-gallon bucket with a lid for easy transportation.

The program accepts 100% of kitchen-generated food scraps, including raw and cooked food, cheese, pits, peels, shells, nuts, seeds, bones, and pantry items. BPI-certified compostable plates and cutlery are also accepted. However, liquids, plastic and trash should not be deposited in the collection bins. Residents can use the Betterbin app and website to learn more about what can and cannot be composted.

Established in 2014, the mission of Rust Belt Riders is to create wealth from waste in order to feed people, not landfills. Compost provides healthy soil which, in turn, provides nutrients and structure for growing food, flowers and flora, as well as aiding in water retention, pollution mitigation, increased biodiversity, and beautifying the places we live.

For more on the program, visit BeachwoodOhio.com/composting

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