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### **Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District's home composting workshop**

**Sebring, Fl.** - On November 29, 2007, the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a home composting workshop. The workshop was put together by Soil and Water staff to educate home owners about the benefits of home composting. In addition, staff instructed and demonstrated how to build a home composter.

The workshop proved to be successful and was attended by 56 people. An informative Power Point presentation was given and many questions were answered about composting. Following the presentation, attendees went outside to watch Erin McCarta, Lakes Management Assistant and Corine Burgess, Natural Resources Specialist build the frame for the 55 gallon barrel, which serves as the container for the compost. Twenty barrels were prepared before the workshop and all were given away for a donation of \$15.00 each.

Attendees of the workshop were very positive and excited to go home and start composting. Many wanted barrels, but only 20 were available. Many of the guests requested that the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District put on more home composting workshops in the future and provide more barrels. Several people volunteered to assist with the barrel preparation for future workshops and some even offered to supply the 55 gallon drums.

Compost enriches soils, helps clean up contaminated soil, helps prevent pollution, offers economic benefits and is a great way to have cost-effective, beautiful lawns and gardens. If you want to help us out with the supply of 55 gallon drums or have some spare time and would like to prepare the barrels, please give us a call at 402-6545. With your help we can provide home composting barrels to more people and enjoy the benefits of a healthy environment.

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