



# The Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority 2009 Member Calendar – Town of Schaghticoke

## CONSIDER COMPOSTING IN 2009

Composting is a simple, natural process – nature’s way of recycling nutrients and returning them to the soil to be used again. Anything that was once living will naturally decompose and composting is simply an acceleration of the same process nature uses. By taking advantage of this natural recycling process, you can help lighten the load of waste that would otherwise go to a landfill. By composting your organic waste, you are returning nutrients back into the soil in order for the cycle of life to continue. Finished compost (often called “black gold”) looks like soil – dark brown, crumbly and smells like a forest floor – and is used for fertilizing and conditioning soil. It can be made from many materials that most households throw out.

## 10 GOOD REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD COMPOST

1. Composting is an easy, practical way to recycle your organic yard and kitchen waste.
2. Yard and food waste make up 30% of the waste stream. Composting your kitchen and yard trimmings helps divert that waste from the landfill, waterways and water treatment facilities, not to mention save you money in disposal fees.
3. You will significantly reduce pest problems – and your use of pesticides.
4. Healthy plants from healthy soil look better, produce better and have a much greater ability to fight off pests and diseases.
5. Adding organic materials to the soil improves moisture retention.
6. Compost grows healthy plants and healthy plans improve the air by removing carbon dioxide and making fresh oxygen.
7. Compost provides a balanced, slow-release source of nutrients that helps the soil hold nutrients long enough for plants to use them.
8. Compost is an excellent soil conditioner for even the smallest yard and garden – it’s safe to use and it costs practically nothing to make, so it save you money since you avoid the cost of buying soil conditioners, bagged manure etc.
9. Feeding your plants well will improve your own diet. Plants grown in depleted soils have a reduced nutrient content.
10. Home composting is a valuable tool in educating children about nature and the cycle of life.

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Email: [director@ercswma.org](mailto:director@ercswma.org) • Website: [www.ercswma.org](http://www.ercswma.org)

Jerry Uhr ..... Chairman  
Joanna Redden ..... Executive Director  
Penny Pleasant ..... Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

## ERC Community Warehouse, Inc.

(same address, phone # as ERCSWMA)

Email: [ERC.Community.Warehouse@gmail.com](mailto:ERC.Community.Warehouse@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.ercsw.com](http://www.ercsw.com)

OPEN: Tue / Wed / Fri: 9 - 5 Thur: 10 - 6 Sat: 9 - 4

## Town of Schaghticoke

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SUPERVISOR - Jean Carlson ..... Ext. 104  
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BUILDING INSPECTOR - John Smolen ..... Ext. 109

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
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ERC SWMA REPRESENTATIVE - Jean Carlson ..... 753-6915

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MAYOR- Richard Andrew ..... 753-6692  
VILLAGE CLERK - Janet Weber ..... 753-6230  
ERC SWMA REPRESENTATIVE - Jay Overocker ..... 753-6230

Office Hours by Appointment

## TYPES OF COMPOSTING

*Backyard composting* — If you have a yard and a balance of browns (fallen leaves, straw, wood chips and sawdust) and greens (grass clippings, manure and food scraps - including fruit and vegetable waste and coffee grounds), you have all you need to make compost.

*Worm composting (vermicomposting)* — If you have a tiny yard or live in an apartment or have an abundance of food scraps, this type of composting is for you.

Visit <http://www.recycleworks.org/compost/wormcomp.html> for detailed “how-to” information on worm composting.

*Grasscycling* — If you have grass clippings and don’t want to use them in a compost pile you can simply leave them on the lawn to decompose.

## GETTING STARTED WITH BACKYARD COMPOSTING

- Find a good location and loosen the soil where your pile will be.
- Pile your yard waste in a mound about 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet.
- Alternate wet and dry materials.
- Add water as you build the pile to ensure moisture is evenly distributed.
- Add food and yard wastes as they become available.
- If at all possible, add kitchen scraps to the center of the waste layers where the heat will be the greatest. This also reduces unwanted critters coming into your compost pile.
- Chopping or mowing your wastes makes the process go faster.
- Remember, if you turn your compost pile it speeds up the process even further.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Some kitchen scraps should not be composted, such as meat, fish, bones and fatty foods (such as cheese, salad dressing and leftover cooking oil). They will attract animals and they do not decompose readily.
- Water is the key to successful composting. A compost pile should be kept damp – but not soggy – especially during dry spells.
- Avoid composting weeds that are heavily laden with seeds. Some seeds will not be killed during the heating process.
- Be patient! It will take about six months to a year before the compost is ready for use. Don’t use unfinished compost. It will rob your plants of nitrogen instead of acting as a fertilizer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COMPOSTING, PLEASE CONTACT THE ERCSWMA AT 686-7540 OR VISIT [WWW.ERCSWMA.ORG](http://WWW.ERCSWMA.ORG)



## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

A fun-filled, educational event for the entire family.

Saturday, May 2nd • 10 am - 3 pm

at the ERC Community Warehouse

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## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Visit your local Clean-Up Days  
to recycle your old electronics.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS

- May 16th - Schaghticoke Highway Garage •
- Sept. 19th - Nassau Village Hall •

Safely dispose of paints, pesticides and other  
“unwanted guests” from around your home!

**YOU MUST CALL TO REGISTER!**

## YOUR EVENT HERE!

Got an idea for a special program or event? Perhaps a backyard composting seminar... a waste reduction workshop... or maybe even a special project for the kids?

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January 2009

Calendar grid for January 2009 with columns for days of the week and rows for dates. Includes recycling schedules and event announcements like 'Garbage & Containers Recycling' and 'Garbage & Papers Recycling'.



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March 2009

Calendar grid for March 2009 showing days of the week, dates, and recycling events. Includes a small calendar for February and April at the bottom right.



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April 2009

Calendar grid for April 2009 showing days of the week, dates, and recycling collection schedules. Includes a large box on Sunday 1-4 stating 'Please don't stockpile recyclables! Place them out for collection at least once a month!' and various recycling days (Garbage & Containers, Garbage & Papers) throughout the month.

Small calendar grids for March and May showing days of the week and dates.



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May 2009

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Father's Day First Day of Summer	Town Court, 7:00 pm					
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August 2009

Calendar grid for August 2009 showing days of the week (Sunday-Saturday) and dates. Includes recycling collection days (e.g., 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) and specific events like 'Town Court' and 'Valley Falls Board'. A large green box in the top right says 'Please don't stockpile recyclables! Place them out for collection at least once a month!'.



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September 2009

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Small calendar grid for August and October 2009.



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October 2009

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November 2009

Calendar grid for November 2009 showing recycling schedules (Garbage & Papers, Garbage & Containers) and community events (Town Court, Election Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Clean-up Day & Electronics Recycling). Includes a daylight savings time notice and a calendar for October and December.



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December 2009

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