



News Release

Join the SCRD in celebrating Compost Awareness and Drinking Water Week from May 7 to 13

Sechelt, BC— April 13, 2017 — The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is inviting residents to celebrate Compost Awareness and Drinking Water weeks from May 7 to 13, with events being held to recognize both initiatives.

Events for Compost Awareness Week:

- **Sunday May 7, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Experience for yourself what compost can do for your garden by picking up a free sample from the SCRD booth at the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden's annual plant sale, 5941 Mason Road, Sechelt.
- **Wednesday May 10, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Take a free guided tour of Salish Soils' large-scale composting system with CEO Aaron Joe. Includes a free bag of soil. Meet outside the main office, 5800 Black Bear Road, Sechelt.

In the SCRD, about 12,000 tonnes of waste are sent to the landfill every year. A waste composition audit conducted in 2014 found that 35% of residential garbage is food waste. Food waste can be easily composted: take it to a local composting facility – Gibsons Recycling Depot or Salish Soils – or you can compost at home. For more information, please visit www.scrd.ca/Yard--Food-Waste.

Events for Drinking Water Week:

- **Friday, May 12, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Members of the public are invited to take a free guided tour of the SCRD's Chapman Water Treatment Plant. Come meet the facility's operators and see what it takes to get safe, clean water to your taps. Please RSVP with Raphael Shay at raph.shay@scrd.ca or at 604-885-6800 ext. 6481.

The Regional Water System's main source of supply is Chapman Creek which supplies water to approximately 85% of SCRD residents. The remainder rely on other sources such as lakes, groundwater wells or rainwater harvesting. To learn more about your water, go to www.scrd.ca/Treatment.

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