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## **County composter and rain barrel sale update: new pick-up location added in the Town of Woodbury**

*Order before June 10th. Pre-ordered compost bins and rainwater barrels will be distributed in Newburgh, Highlands, Tuxedo and Woodbury on June 12th.*

In honor of Earth Day, the County will be offering residents and businesses compost bins and rain barrels at discounted rates, adding a fourth location for pick-up of ordered supplies in the Town of Woodbury. Food waste contributes to the cost of trash removal and contamination of recycled materials. By composting we can reduce overall waste and create a wonderful amendment to our garden soil. In harnessing the rain, we minimize the burden on our water management infrastructure and potentially reduce our water bills by using rainwater for gardening.

This offer is provided by Orange County DPW Division of Environmental Facilities & Services who is partnering with a coalition of organizations based in the Newburgh (1), Highlands (2), Tuxedo (3) and Woodbury (4) areas. The goal of the collaboration is to raise the awareness of the public regarding the benefits of using compost to improve or maintain high quality soil, to grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, improve water quality, and protect the environment.

Pre-orders of bins, barrels, and other compost related items can be made on the website at <https://orangecompostersale.ecwid.com/>. The deadline for pre-

orders is Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please select one of the three pick up locations when placing an order. Pick up of bins, barrels, and other pre-ordered items will take place on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the following locations:

- Tuxedo Train Station from 9 AM to 2 PM at 240 Route 17 in the Village of Tuxedo Park
- The Church of Holy Innocents from 10 AM to 3 PM at 401 Main Street in the Village of Highland Falls.
- Newburgh Farmers Market from 12 PM to 4 PM at 95-107 Broadway in the City of Newburgh.
- Rushmore Memorial Branch from 12 PM to 4 PM at 16 County Route 105 in Highland Mills.

Pre-orders must be conducted online at the website listed above. Only a limited number of items will be available for sale on the day of the event. All orders must be picked up on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

*(1) partnering organizations in Newburgh include Beahive Newburgh, Conservation Advisory Council of City of Newburgh, Common Ground, Dept of Small Interventions, Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy, the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh, Heart & Soil, the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, Newburgh Urban Farm and Food Initiative at Downing Park, Outdoor Promise, Safe Harbors of the Hudson.*

*(2) partnering organizations in Highlands include the Town of Highlands Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee and the Community Garden at Holy Innocents.*

*(3) partnering organizations in Tuxedo include Tuxedo Climate Smart Community Task Force, Town of Tuxedo, Village of Tuxedo Park, Tuxedo Park Library.*

*(4) Partnering organizations in Woodbury include Town of Woodbury Climate Smart Communities Task Force, Town of Woodbury Councilwoman Jacqueline Hernandez, and the Woodbury Town Board.*