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Indoor worm composting workshop at the February MRF open house

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Jan. 11, 2009 – The City of Ann Arbor is hosting two vermicomposting workshops on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the City of Ann Arbor's Materials Recovery Facility, 4150 Platt Road. Vermicomposter expert Sarah Archer of Iris Waste Diversion will provide an engaging presentation at both sessions. Preordered indoor worm bin kits will be available for \$25 each (pay at the door by cash or check) and include a half-pound of red worms, a prepared Rubbermaid tote, and the textbook "Worms eat my garbage" by wormwoman Mary Appelhof. Pre-registered space is also available for people interested in attending the workshop at no charge, but not purchasing a kit. Sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Feb. 13. Please call (734) 794-6000 ext 43118 or e-mail msell@a2gov.org to make a reservation, as supplies are limited to 20 kits for each session and are sold on a pre-registered basis. Participants may also take an optional tour of the city's recycling plant after the vermicomposting demonstration.

Free monthly MRF Open Houses give the public a chance to tour Ann Arbor's recycling operations and participate in featured activities. For more information, please consult the city Web site at www.a2gov.org/mrf Pre-arranged weekday tours of the MRF are also available for groups of 15 or more; please call for information (734) 794-6000 ext 43118.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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