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## **Bristol Public Works Department to Present Composting 101 Workshop at Library on May 8th**

BRISTOL, CONN., April 30, 2019 –The Bristol Public Works Department will be hosting a composting workshop at the Bristol Public Library on Wednesday May 8, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Alastair Ong, Esq., a graduate of the UConn Extension Master Gardner Program, will be presenting the workshop where participants will learn the benefits of composting using Alastair's method to an easy way to compost which does not involve a lot of time or work and requires no chemistry, turning, or heavy lifting.

All are welcome to attend – the first 75 Bristol residents who attend will receive a *Mini Farming Guide to Composting* along with a 2.5 gallon Kitchen Composter. Only Bristol residents are eligible to receive the free materials and will be required to show an ID. The workshop and free materials are funded through an annual grant from Covanta to bring workshops and programs to the Bristol community to engage adults and younger citizens in environmental issues which affect us all.

Composting helps to divert food waste from the waste stream and is organic material that can be added to soil to help plants grow. Food scraps and yard waste together currently make up about 30 percent of what we throw away, and should be composted instead. Making compost keeps these materials out of landfills where they take up space and release methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

*“The goal of this event is to teach residents how to divert food waste from the waste stream into compost and nutrients for their gardens.”* – Lindsey Rivers, Public Works Analyst

For more information about this event, please follow the Public Works Department on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/427521624485404/> or contact them at 860-584-6125.

The mission of the Bristol Public Works Department is to preserve and enhance the social and environmental quality of life in the City of Bristol. This is accomplished through the delivery of services designed to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and to maintain and improve the city's infrastructure in an effective, efficient, and professional manner. For more information about all the services and additional environmental workshops offered to Bristol residents, visit the Public Works Department page on the City of Bristol's website at: <http://ct-bristol2.civicplus.com/220/Public-Works/>