



## Council support for organics recycling in schools and early child care centres continues in 2008.

The Christchurch City Council is continuing to offer subsidies to schools and early child care centers to help reduce organic waste in the city.

### The subsidy in 2008 now covers:

- **The purchase and installation of Earthly Delight worm farms.** Up to 70% of the cost is now covered by the Council and solutions are tailored to the particular needs of the school or child care centre. The units come in various sizes - the larger the composting capacity of the unit, the greater the Council subsidy.
- Once the organics recycling system is in place key staff and students are shown how to operate and maintain the system. Extra workshops for students and staff on worm farming and composting in general, can be arranged for a small fee. These extra sessions are now offered to all schools, not just those with subsidized bins.
- **Workshops for parents and the community on all forms of home composting.** Available to all schools and child care centers, whether they have a subsidized worm farm or not. Schools promote the availability of the workshops through their news letters and host the classes. Each class will cover the full range of home composting options including EM Bokashi, greenwaste composting and worm farms. Some supplies will be available for purchase after each session.

By supporting schools in this way, the Council aims to create a robust learning platform for children, teachers and parents. These organic recycling units fit in well into the Science, Social Studies and Technology curriculum and provide an easy way for schools to recycle food scraps, paper towels, tea and coffee by creating rich natural plant food.

All of the services above are available from Annmarie Banchy of Earthly Delights, whose aim is to inspire and empower people towards zero waste. Schools adopting an education for sustainability approach will find these worm farms particularly helpful in meeting their goals. More than 120 units have been installed in Christchurch schools and preschools already. Be in quick, as the subsidy is only for a limited time.

To purchase your worm-based organics recycling system or to organise a workshop for your school or community please contact Annmarie at Earthly Delights.



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