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Waste Reduction Week October 19th to 25th

October 19th to 25th is Waste Reduction Week and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is involved with several events to promote it.

Monday October 19th – The Next Steps Beyond Recycling?

Cameron Baughen, RDOS Solid Waste Management Coordinator, will present at the Okanagan College Speakers Series. The talk will take place at the Okanagan College Penticton campus auditorium at 7:00 pm.

The Okanagan-Similkameen is an incredibly beautiful region with a rapidly growing population. With local Landfills slowly running out of space where will waste go, how much does waste cost and what can we do about it? Following a short video by Annie Leonard called "Story of Stuff", there will be a discussion on the limits of recycling and what activities society can do to reduce waste.

Saturday October 24th – Compost Bin Sale at Campbell Mountain Landfill

The RDOS is inviting local residents to come to the Campbell Mountain Landfill between 9 am and 1 pm. Staff will be on hand to sell compost bins at \$39 taxes included.

While supplies last, compost bins will be sold for \$39 at the Campbell Mountain, Oliver, Summerland and Keremeos Landfills during normal business hours.

Sunday October 25th – Workshop - Learn How to Compost Better

Visit the Penticton Community Garden on Vancouver Hill (550 Vancouver Ave) at 1 pm for a free workshop on how to compost. Learn the fundamentals of composting and the various types and styles of compost bins. Dress for the weather. Drinks and goodies will be provided for participants.

For more information the RDOS Solid Waste Department can be contacted at 250-490-4129, toll free 1-877-610-3737 ext. 4129 or e-mail info@rdos.bc.ca.

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