

Backyard Composting – Something You Can Do!!

The Crow Wing Soil and Conservation District (you are in it!) has received a \$41+K grant from the MN Pollution Control Agency to help Brainerd Lakes Area residents reduce the amount of solid waste (MSW) that goes into the Crow Wing County (CWC) Landfill by increasing participation in waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting of solid food wastes.

Did you know that the average US household throws out 470 pounds of food per year (1.3 pounds per day) and that only 3% of that ever gets recovered or recycled? So . . . in the Spring of 2011 there will be workshops in our area on backyard composting, with low-cost composting bins for sale, so you can be a part of this program. Watch this website for the schedule of these workshops.

Melissa Barrick is Project Coordinator. She says, “This is a great opportunity to create more awareness about the different types of composting options available . . . while highlighting the importance of reducing everyday food waste from the CWC Landfill.”