

# Erickson Residential Compost Pickup 2018

## *A Pilot Project to Protect the Environment and Reduce Taxes*

The Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson will be conducting a pilot project to pick up and compost residential organic waste from thirty households in Erickson in 2018. The intent of this project is to determine the economic viability and identify logistical issues of a future residential compost pickup program serving the entire community of Erickson.

### *Why Compost?*

***35 percent of residential garbage is compostable. Composting this waste instead of trucking it to a landfill represents a potentially huge cost savings to our municipal ratepayers, and will help protect the environment for our grandchildren.***

***Under new provincial regulations, the cost to deal with solid waste is going to increase in our municipality in the coming years. Composting is the most efficient way to reduce the amount of solid waste going into our landfill, saving money for everyone.***

***Composting also reduces greenhouse gas emissions and produces humus, which increases soil fertility and water retention when added to your lawn and garden.***

### *Pilot Project Details*

- For a fee of \$10, the municipality will provide you with a bin for weekly curbside pickup and a supply of compostable bags for collecting your kitchen waste. There is no other fee associated with this one-year pilot project.
- There will be an information session for those households who have signed up for the program at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at Crossroads Community Centre. Coffee and snacks will be available.
- For questions or to register for the program, drop in or call the Municipal Office at (204)636-2431, or email [acao@ericksonmb.ca](mailto:acao@ericksonmb.ca).