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### **Compost Challenge competition mounts in reality-TV style contest**

Competition is heating up among Campbell River's Compost Video Challenge participants. Competitors met face to face for the first time last week to learn who is who in the competition, gain tips on gathering video footage and learn the contest details.

Six Campbell River families were selected to compete in a 30-day reality-TV style video competition to learn to compost, overcome composting challenges and produce entertaining video documentation of their experiences. The winning family will receive \$500 in groceries at a store of their choice. The competition began July 1 and will wrap-up at the end of August, when the last family completes their 30 days.

Competitors include the Bains, Murphy, Revoy, Spetch, Thyne-Schmid and Ward families, who talked about their motivation to participate this week.

*"This competition is about me beating all of you!"* Edward Ward to the other families with a grin. *"And we hope to teach the rest of the community that composting can be done easily."*

The Murphy family shot back with their plan to make a substantial dent in their garbage. *"Our garbage weighs 35 pounds this week. Our daughter Faye weighs 30 pounds, so we're hoping to get the garbage lighter than her by the time we are done,"* said Paul Murphy.

*"We are kind of like a compost self-help group,"* said Rosanne Bains. *"Our job is to show people that composting can be fun and easy. Our family is excited to entertain the judges."*

*"We are collecting compost to feed some worms, share some laughs and have fun along the way, being a little 'greener',"* said Cathy Revoy.

*"We've really been working on the plastics thing and recycling as much as we can, but composting is a new opportunity for further improvement,"* said Kim Thyne.

*"I'm really interested in learning about how to use my new composter. I've always wanted one but until this competition, I have had no idea how to use it,"* added Julina Spetch.

The competition is being judged by the 99.7 the River, the Eagle 97.3, Shaw TV and Comox Strathcona Waste Management.

To follow the families, check out the blog at: <http://2012compostchallenge.blogspot.ca>

Campbell River residents interested in trying composting themselves are eligible for a \$50 composter rebate. Only 35 are available, with more 165 residents participating in the program to date. For rebates, contact Amanda Taylor at 250-286-5721 or [amanda.taylor@campbellriver.ca](mailto:amanda.taylor@campbellriver.ca).

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