

Save your plastic pots! Save this date!

Clean up for fall and do a good thing for the environment by bringing your pots to Boerner Botanical Gardens for recycling.



When: September 24-26, 2009; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: SE corner of Boerner Botanical Gardens parking lot,
9400 Boerner Drive, Hales Corners, WI 53130

What's recyclable: Any color and size of pots with recycling numbers 2, 5 and 6 (the number in a triangle on the bottom of the pot), polystyrene cell packs and trays, hanging baskets, plastic landscape edging, greenhouse poly film, irrigation drip tape, and plastic fertilizer and mulch bags (empty, of course). These plastics will be ground, pelletized and used by U.S. manufacturers to create plastic lumber.

What to do now:

- *Knock out all dirt and debris before bringing plastics to Boerner.*
- Remove metal hangers, staples and other foreign objects. (Paper & plastic labels are ok.)
- Sort and stack by pot size and recycling number.
- Separate pots with no recycling number and sort by size.

What to do at Boerner: Please remove your plastics from your vehicle, sort and stack them in the appropriate areas.

Cost: Recycling is free for homeowners, although *donations to cover costs are welcome.* For businesses, the cost is \$30 for one truckload (any size truck); \$60 for unlimited loads. This charge helps us defray costs for shipping and materials. For businesses and municipalities who bring pots sorted by recycling number, stacked 8 feet high on pallets and shrink wrapped, the fees will be waived.

For more information: Shirley Dommer Walczak, Gardens Director, 414-525-5603 or Patti Peltier, UW-Extension Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanical Gardens, 414-525-5638.

Volunteers are appreciated! Please help.

