

## Compost Uses and Instructions

**Late fall is the most optimal time to use compost!**

### **Restore Your Lawn After The Hot Summer Months:**

- For best results, aerate your lawn first;
- Spread a thin layer (Top dress) 1/8 inch (3.2mm) to 1/4 inch (6.4mm) layer of compost to your lawn;
- Be sure to water after to help nutrients diffuse.



### **Use Compost to Plant Fall Bulbs and Tubers:**

- First, create a soil mixture of: 1 part compost to 4 parts soil when planting;
- For best results, plant your bulbs and tubers in pots or containers to assure the slow release of nutrients over winter.



### **Give Trees and Shrubs an Overwinter Boost:**

- Top dress trees and shrubs with 1/2 inch (12.7mm) of compost;
- Perennials should be top-dressed with 1 inch (25.4mm) of compost.



### **Use Compost on Your Spent Garden Beds:**

- For best results, remove all rotting, finished and invasive weeds and plants from your beds before using compost.
- Mix 2 inches (51mm) of compost into the top 8 inches (203mm) of soil.



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# District of Summerland's Compost

## **Benefits of Using Compost**

- Prevents erosion and stabilizes soil.
- Lowers irrigation and watering needs.
- Provides necessary nutrients for plant growth.
- Diverts waste from landfills.
- Increases water retention.
- Helps plants withstand pests and disease.
- Reduces weeds.
- Lowers winter damage and nutrient loss.
- Increases soil infiltration.
- Adds beneficial microbes to soil.
- Reduces thatch build-up.
- Saves money by reducing the number of garden products and watering needs.



## **Compost Composition**

District of Summerland's compost is high quality, sustainable, and safe Class A biosolid compost. The Class A government designation means that the product can be sold with no restrictions. It can be safely applied to lawns, flowers, shrubs and gardens.

## **Compost Pricing**

Head up to the Summerland Landfill with your containers/bags and shovel, and pay 2 cents per kilogram (minimum charge \$2.00) for premium District of Summerland Compost! If needed, we can load your truck, approximately \$22.00 per load. Trucks can be loaded Monday through Friday 9:00am-2:45pm, except between 12:00-12:30 for lunch.

**Summerland Landfill Address:**

**17202 Bathville Road**

**Regular Hours:**

**8:30 am to 4:15 pm—Monday to Saturday**