Compost Uses and Instructions

Late fall is the most optimal time to use compost!

FALL

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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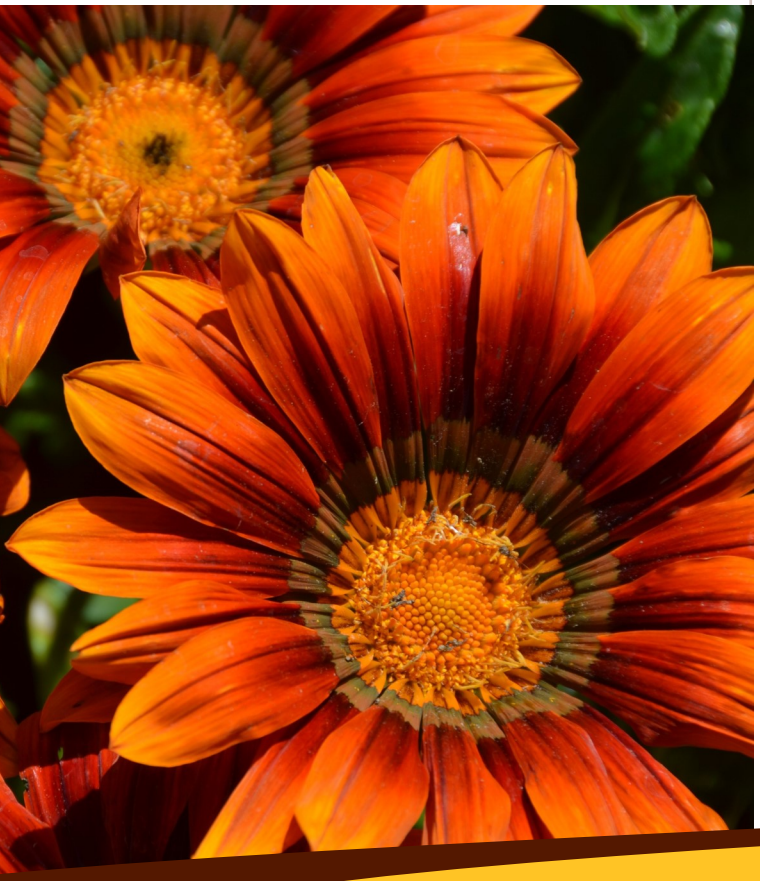
District of Summerland's Compost

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