

## Fall Compost Uses and Instructions

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

### Restore Your Lawn After Hot Summer Months:

- First, aerate your lawn; this will help return nutrients to the soil and prepare your lawn for winter.
- Top dress 1/8 (3.175mm) to 1/4 (6.35mm) inch layer of compost to your lawn;
- Be sure to water after to help nutrients diffuse.



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

- Plant in containers first; mix 1 part compost to 4 parts soil when planting;
- The slow release of nutrients over the winter months will help bulbs and tubers grow strong come spring.



### Use Compost on Your Spent Garden Beds:

- Mix 2 inches (50.8mm) of compost into the top 8 inches (203.2mm) of soil;
- By the time the spring melt comes along, the compost will have worked its way into the soil and it will be ready for spring planting.



### Give Trees and Shrubs an Overwinter Boost:

- Top dress trees and shrubs with 1/2" (12.7mm) of compost;
- Perennials should be top-dressed with 1" (25.4mm) of compost;
- This will restore soil after the growing season to prepare for spring.





# 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.



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