

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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