

# 5 Easy Fall Compost Uses



1) Use compost on your spent garden beds. Spread an even 1" layer on beds then cover compost with a mulch layer, like leaves (plentiful in Fall). By the time spring melt comes along, the compost will have worked its way into the soil and it will be



2) Use compost to plant Fall bulbs and tubers. 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.



3) Restore your lawn after hot summer months. Apply a 1/8 to 1/4 inch layer of compost to your lawn. For an added bonus, after adding compost layer, aerate your lawn. This will help return nutrients to the soil and prepare your lawn for overwintering. Be sure to water after to help nutrients diffuse!



4) Give trees and shrubs an overwinter boost by topdressing them with 1/2" of compost. This will help restore soil after the growing season and get it ready for spring.



5) Topdress perennials with 1" of compost. This way they will return in the spring strong and healthy!

# COMPOSTING



## 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.

## What is the District's Compost Made of?

The District's Compost is the end product of the Waste Water Treatment program.

The District's compost is made from biosolids, mixed with green/organic waste such as leaves and wood chippings.

Biosolid compost is valued for its high organic matter content and its ability to improve soil structure.

## Is the District's Compost Safe?

The District of Summerland's compost is high quality, sustainable and safe Class A grade 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.

