

Spring Compost Uses and Instructions

Follow these tips to make your garden flourish this spring!

Plant Beds:

- Mix 2 inches (50.8mm) of compost into the top 8 inches (203.2mm) of soil.
- It is important to spread compost two weeks before planting time in the spring.



Establish or Reinvigorate Your Lawn:

- For best results, aerate your lawn first;
- Top dress with 1/8 (3.175mm) to 1/4 inch (6.35mm) compost for established lawns;
- For new lawns, rototill 2 inches (50.8mm) of compost into the top 6 inches (152.4mm) of soil before seeding or laying sod.



Seeds/Seedlings:

- Plant seeds/seedlings in containers first with 1 part compost to 4 parts soil.
- Before planting your seeds, it is important to add compost to the hole before planting.



Mulch:

- Spread 1/4 (6.35mm) to 1/2 inch (12.7mm) of compost over garden surfaces.
- Keep compost 2 to 3 inches away from the stems of plants and trees.



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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