

# Compost Uses and Instructions

Follow these tips to make your garden flourish this spring!

## Plant Seeds/Seedlings:

- First, create a soil mixture of: 1 part compost to 4 parts soil when planting;
- Place seeds/seedlings in small pots or containers before planting in your soil mixture to avoid over composting new plants.



## Establish or Reinvigorate Your Lawn:

- For best results, aerate your lawn first then add water;
- Spread an even layer (top dress) with 1/8 inch (3.2mm) to 1/4 inch (6.4mm) compost on established lawns;
- For new lawns, rototill 2 inches (51mm) of compost into the top 6 inches (152.4mm) of soil before seeding or laying sod.



## Mulch:

- Spread 1/4 (6.4mm) to 1/2 (12.7mm) of compost over garden surfaces;
- Keep compost 2 to 3 inches away from the stems of plants and trees.



## Plant Beds:

- For best results, remove all rotting, finished and invasive weeds and plants from your beds before using compost;
- Before planting anything in your beds, mix 2 inches (51mm) of compost into the top 8 inches (203mm) of soil.



# 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