

Summer Compost Uses and Instructions

Follow these instructions to help your plants survive this summer!

Top-Dress Lawns:

- Top-dress lawns with 1/4 (6.35mm) to 1/8 (3.175mm) inch of compost;
- Don't forget to water after to ensure proper nutrient dispersion;
- Top dress lawns with compost in the summer reduce watering needs and helps lawns retain water during dry spells.



Side Dress:

- Side-dressing ensures a slow release of nutrients and helps plants retain moisture;
- Trees and shrubs with 1/4 (6.35mm) to 1/2 (12.7mm) inch of compost;
- Plants and flowers with 1/8 (3.175mm) to 1/4 inch of compost.



Replenish Nutrients:

- In potted plants (indoor or outdoor);
- Add 1/8 (3.175mm) to 1/4 inch (6.35mm) of compost to potted plants around the base;
- Be sure to water after, as this will help existing soil mix with compost.



Brew Compost Tea:

- Soak any leftover or extra compost in water for at least 24 hours;
- Once tea is ready, use as a nutrient spray as a liquid fertilizer for outdoor and indoor plants, trees, and shrubs;
- For best results, use within 2 days of brewing.



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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