

## Compost Uses and Instructions

Follow these tips to help your plants survive this summer!

### Top Dress Lawns:

- Spread an thin layer (top dress) with 1/4 inch (6.4mm) to 1/8 inch (3.2mm) of compost;
- Don't forget to water after top dressing to ensure proper nutrient dispersion.



### Side Dress:

- Spread a thin layer around the base of the plant you want to side dress.
- Trees and shrubs with 1/4 inch (6.4mm) to 1/2 inch (12.7mm) of compost;
- Plants and flowers with 1/8 (3.2mm) to 1.4 inch of compost.



### Replenish Nutrients:

- In potted plants (indoor and outdoor);
- Add 1/8 inch (3.2mm) to 1/4 inch (6.4mm) of compost around the base of potted plants;
- Be sure to water after, as this will help existing soil mix with compost.



### Brew Compost Tea:

- Create compost tea by soaking any leftover or extra compost in water for at least 24 hours.
- Once tea is ready, use as a nutrient spray or liquid fertilizer for outdoor and indoor plants, trees, and shrubs within 2 days after brewing.



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# 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