

# Compost Uses and Instructions

Follow these tips to get the most out of your compost!

## Spring Composting:

- Prepare flowerbeds before planting by mixing 2 inches (51mm) of compost into the top 8 inches (203.2mm) of soil;
- For new lawns, rototill 2 inches (51mm) of compost into the top 6 inches (152.4mm) of soil before seeding or laying sod.



## Summer Composting:

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



## Fall Composting:

- On your spent garden beds, Mix 2 inches (51mm) of compost into the top 8 inches (203mm) of soil;
- Plant bulbs and tubers in pots with a soil mixture of: 1 part compost to 4 parts soil;
- For best results, apply a 1/4 inch (6.4mm) layer of compost to your lawn that will work into the soil slowly over winter.



## Winter Composting:

- Use 1 part compost to 4 parts soil for indoor potted plants;
- Brew "Compost Tea" by soaking leftover or extra compost in water for at least 24 hours. Can be used as a foliar spray on indoor plants, potted plants, or around root systems. Compost tea can be used in all seasons.



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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**