



Fall Compost & Woodchip Sale

The City's Fall Compost and Woodchip Sale was held on Saturday, October 5th for self-loading material only and Thursday through Saturday, October 10th-12th. A total of 939 vehicles entered our facility during the events (Table 1), and a total of \$8,210 was generated during the compost and woodchip sale. An estimated 885 cubic yards (487 tons) of compost and 711 cubic yards (204 tons) of woodchips were distributed.



The sale opened early with a self-load only day to accommodate citizens wanting small amounts of compost and woodchips. The material was free in small quantities. Trucks and trailers were also allowed on this day, and paid \$10 per load.

The compost sold was a mix of late 2012's and early 2013's composted yard waste, which is the weekly curbside collection of grass, leaves, garden pruning, and small woody waste. The material was sold for \$10 per bucket load, which is approximately 2 cubic yards.

The woodchips distributed during the sale were made from residential and commercial sources of brush and tree debris that were ground up. Woodchips are used as soil cover and to help conserve water by reducing moisture evaporation from the soil.



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The Compost and Woodchip Sale started with approximately 3,160 cubic yards (1,738 tons) of compost from June-March yard waste that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution and 3,950 cubic yards (1,135 tons) of woodchips. Approximately 2,275 cubic yards (1,251 tons) of compost remained and 3,239 cubic yards (931 tons) of woodchips remained at the completion of the sales.

Table 1: Number of new and repeat customers each day and the total over the four-day period. All sales were from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

	SELF	COMPOST & WOODCHIP			Total
	Sat. Oct. 5	Thurs. Oct. 10	Fri. Oct. 11	Sat. Oct. 12	
New Customers	113	179	163	133	588
Repeat Customers	73	125	87	66	351
Total (each day)	186	304	250	199	939

Well organized traffic queuing ensured safe access, egress, and loading for a variety of vehicle types. There were no accidents during the entire sale event.

