

Community Compost Giveaway: Fall 2007 RESULTS

The City's Fall Compost Giveaway was held on Thursday and Friday, October 25th and 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday was sunny and 60 degrees, Friday was overcast and drizzling, and Saturday was sunny again and about 65 degrees. The compost given away was a mix of this year's April and May composted yard trimmings. Additional compost was on site (June/July), but was not intended for distribution because it had yet to be screened.

A total of 725 vehicles entered our facility over the three-day period (Table 1). The Compost Giveaway started with approximately 1,260 cubic yards of compost from April and May yard trimmings that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution. At the end of the day on Saturday, there was approximately 70 cubic yards of the compost left. This translates to about 1,550 tons of compost distributed to the community over the three-day period.

Table 1: Number of new and repeat customers each day and the total over the three-day period.

	Thursday, Oct. 25th	Friday, Oct. 26th	Saturday, Oct. 27th	Total (all three days)
New Customers	148	96	137	381
Repeat Customers	83	129	132	344
Total (each day)	231	225	269	725

Well organized traffic queuing ensured safe access, egress, and loading for a variety of vehicle types. There were no accidents at this giveaway.

A smaller pile of compost on the north side of the pad was created to accommodate self-loaders.



The majority of vehicles through our facility were trucks, which were loaded with either of two front end loaders.

