

## Community Compost Sale: Spring 2009 RESULTS

The City's Spring Compost Sale was held on Thursday and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The weather during all three days of the event was sunny, with a temperature around 50 degrees. The compost sold was a mix of 2008's May/June, July/August and September composted yard trimmings. The compost was sold for \$10 per scoop, which is approximately 3 cubic yards, or it was free for self-loaders.

A total of 1,510 vehicles entered our facility over the three-day period (Table 1). The Compost Sale started with approximately 2,830 cubic yards of compost from May-September yard trimmings that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution. At the close of the event on Saturday, there was 144 cubic yards of compost left. A total of 2,686 cubic yards of compost (1,746 tons) was distributed over the course of the 3 day event. The implementation of a \$10 per scoop fee for loading did not decrease demand, but it did slightly increase the number of vehicles that were self-loading. A total of \$11,990 was generated during the 3-day compost sale.

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

	Thursday, Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Total (all three days)
<b>New Customers</b>	256	337	456	<b>1,049</b>
<b>Repeat Customers</b>	138	157	166	<b>461</b>
<b>Total (each day)</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>1,510</b>

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

Due to the estimated increase in self-loaders, a larger than normal pile of compost on the west 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.

