

Community Compost Sale: Fall 2009 RESULTS

The City's Fall Compost Sale was held on Thursday and Friday, September 24th and 25th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and on Saturday, September 26th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The weather during all three days of the event was sunny, with a temperature around 70 degrees. The compost sold was a mix of 2009's March/April and May/June 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 1,110 vehicles entered our facility over the three-day period (Table 1). The Compost Sale started with approximately 1,746.6 cubic yards of compost from March-June yard trimmings that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution. At the close of the event on Saturday, there was approximately 85 cubic yards of compost left. A total of 1,661.6 cubic yards of compost (1,080 tons) was distributed over the course of the 3 day event. As per the norm, the participation in the Fall event was slightly lower than the Spring event. A total of \$8,880 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. 24th	Friday, Sept. 25 th	Saturday, Sept. 26 th	Total (all three days)
New Customers	331	256	152	739
Repeat Customers	220	105	46	371
Total (each day)	551	361	198	1,110

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.

