

Community Compost Sale: Spring 2010 RESULTS

The City's Spring Compost Sale was held on Thursday and Friday, March 18th and 19th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and scheduled for Saturday, March 20th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Due to the bad weather and low volume of remaining compost, the event was cancelled on Saturday. The weather on Thursday and Friday was sunny, with a temperature around 65 degrees, while Saturday saw snow on the ground and high winds. The compost sold was a mix of 2009'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 1,446 vehicles entered our facility over the two-day period (Table 1). The Compost Sale started with approximately 2,480 cubic yards of compost from May-September yard trimmings that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution. At the close of the event on Friday, there was approximately 260 cubic yards of compost left. A total of 2,220 cubic yards of compost (1,443 tons) was distributed over the course of the 2 day event. A total of \$11,240 was generated during the compost sale.

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

	Thurs., March 18th	Fri., March 19 th	Sat., March. 20 th	Total (all three days)
New Customers	484	502	NA	986
Repeat Customers	249	211	NA	460
Total (each day)	733	713	NA	1446

Well organized traffic queuing ensured safe access, egress, and loading for a variety of vehicle types. There were no accidents inside the gate at this sale. There was a small fender bender outside of the gate on the street.

Due to the increase in self-loaders, a large 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.

