

## Community Compost Sale: Fall 2010 RESULTS

The City's Fall Compost Sale was held on Thursday and Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The weather on Thursday and Friday was sunny, with a temperature around 85 degrees, while Saturday was slightly cooler and scattered rain. The compost sold was a mix of 2009's September material and 2010's March/April and May 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 1,076 vehicles entered our facility over the two-day period (Table 1). The Compost Sale started with approximately 1,900 cubic yards of compost from September-May yard trimmings that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution. At the close of the event on Saturday, there was approximately 238 cubic yards of compost left. A total of 1,662 cubic yards of compost (1,080 tons) was distributed over the course of the 3 day event. A total of \$9,240 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., Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fri., Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sat., Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Total (all three days)
<b>New Customers</b>	356	209	139	<b>704</b>
<b>Repeat Customers</b>	204	113	55	<b>372</b>
<b>Total (each day)</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1,076</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 ever-present self-loaders, a large 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.

