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Spring Compost & Woodchip Sale

The City's Spring Compost and Woodchip Sale was held on Thursday through Saturday, March 27th through 29th. A total of 956 vehicles entered our facility during the event (Table 1), and a total of \$8,950 was generated during the sale. An estimated 898 cubic yards (494 tons) of compost and 616 cubic yards (177 tons) of woodchips were distributed.



The compost sold was a mix of 2013's composted yard waste, which is the weekly curbside collection of grass, leaves, garden pruning, and small woody waste. The material was sold for \$10 per bucket load, which is approximately 2 cubic yards. The material was free in small quantities to self-loaders. The woodchips distributed during the sale were made from residential and commercial sources of brush and tree debris that were ground up. Woodchips are used as soil cover and to help conserve water by

reducing moisture evaporation from the soil.

The Compost and Woodchip Sale started with approximately 4,741 cubic yards (2,607 tons) of compost from March-August yard waste that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution and 1,122 cubic yards (323 tons) of woodchips. Approximately 3,843 cubic yards (2,113 tons) of compost and 506 cubic yards (146 tons) of woodchips remained at the completion of the sale. Compost and woodchips will continue to be sold every Saturday, through mid-December, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Saturdays are self-load only and pick-up truck or trailer loads are \$10 per load and small quantities are free. This sale is during scheduled brush drop-off hours.

Table 1: Number of new and repeat customers each day and the total over the three-day period. All sales were from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

	SALE			Total
	Thurs. Mar 27	Fri. Mar 28	Sat. Mar 29	
New Customers	143	198	314	655
Repeat Customers	64	87	150	301
Total (each day)	207	285	464	956

Well organized traffic queuing ensured safe access, egress, and loading for a variety of vehicle types. There were no accidents during the entire sale event.