

# **UCRRA Compost for Sale!**

Produced locally & sustainably at UCRRA Compost is sold in bulk: screened & unblended

## Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency 999 Flatbush Road Kingston NY

# **\$30 PER TON**

\$20 minimum load fee 1 TON = 2 cubic yards Compost Sales: Mon — Fri 7AM-4PM SAT 7AM-3PM

### Call (845) 336-0600

UCRRA is a Proud Member of the US Composting Council and participates in the Certified Compost STA Program. Our compost is tested quarterly by a USCC certified laboratory. Our Compost Technical Data Sheets are available at <u>WWW.UCRRA.ORG</u>





This compost product has been sampled and tested as required by the STA Certified Compost Program of the US Composting Council. Test results are available online at WWW.UCRRA.ORG or by calling 835-336-0600. The US Composting Council makes no warranties regarding this product or its contents, quality, and suitability for any particular use.





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UCRRA's Organics Recovery Facility manufactures a certified compost product using woodchips and food scraps from our Partners in Composting Program. UCRRA uses an extended aerated static pile (EASP) method of industrial composting. High temperatures during composting ensure the finished product is virtually free of any weeds, seeds, and plant pathogens. UCRRA is regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

#### WHAT IS COMPOST?

Compost is an organic matter resource that has the unique ability to improve the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of soils. Compost has many horticultural benefits and uses.

- Compost adds a slow release of plant nutrients
- Compost adds beneficial soil organisms, reducing the need for chemical pesticides
- Compost aids in suppressing plant disease pathogens, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers
- Compost increases moisture retention
- Compost helps improve soil structure, porosity, and density, creating a healthier plant root environment
- Compost makes any soil easier to work and cultivate

### HOW TO USE COMPOST

<u>Garden/Vegetable/Flower Beds</u>: Dig or till garden bed to a depth of 6-8" and incorporate compost thoroughly into soil before planting. Or apply 1-2" of compost on top of the existing garden bed, rake smooth, or till it into the soil early Spring. Once plants are established, add 1-2" layer of compost around the base of each plant or over the entire garden bed as a course mulch to conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and for aesthetic purposes.

<u>Mulching/Top Dressing</u>: Remove any weeds or grass that may grow through the mulch. Incorporate 1-3" of compost over the entire area, or place around the base of each plant extending as far as its outermost leaves.

<u>Tree/Shrub Plantings</u>: Dig or till the soil to a minimum depth of 8-10" of the planting area, then incorporate compost (1 part) with the existing soil (2-3 parts). Apply compost as a topdressing to prevent weeds by spreading 2" around the base of the plant extending as far as its outermost leaves. Do not place mulch or compost directly against the bark of the base of the tree/shrub. Add more compost once a year.

<u>Lawn Establishment</u>: For new turf establishment, till to a depth of 6-8" and add up to 2" of compost to an existing soil base. Rake soil surface smooth. Top dress existing turfs with  $\frac{1}{4}-\frac{1}{2}$ " of finely textured compost.

**Potting Mixes:** Add compost with other soil amendments for container/potted plants. Compost should make up no more than 1/3 of the volume of a potting mix.



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