

Metro Waste Authority's soil conditioner is made of 100 percent composted yard waste collected through our Compost It! program in Central Iowa. The material includes grass clippings, leaves, green waste, and brush. Finished compost is screened to a particle size of 1/2" (**Turf Gold Premium**) and can be purchased.



More than 16,000 tons of yard waste is brought to Metro Waste Authority's Metro Compost Center each year. Over a three to six month period, the yard waste is processed to produce Turf Gold Premium.

What is compost? What are the benefits?

Compost is not dirt, potting soil, fertilizer, or peat. Compost is a soil conditioner made up of natural materials that can be used as a mulch and to improve the texture and increase nutrient and water holding capacity of soil. Compost can also help control weeds and prevent erosion due to soil loss.

How to calculate the amount of Turf Gold Premium you need:

Multiply the length of the area by the width (measure in feet). Take the result and multiply it by how deep (in inches) you want the compost to be. Take that number and divide it by 324, and the result is the amount of compost you need in cubic yards.



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Seal of Testing Assurance

The compost products have been sampled and tested as required by the Seal of Testing Assurance Program of the United States Composting Council (USCC). Test results are available upon request by calling Metro Waste Authority at 515-244-0021. The USCC makes no warranties regarding this product or its contents, quality, or suitability for any particular use.

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MWA makes no guarantee of nutrient values.

Compost Use Instructions

Compost can be used at any time - spring, summer or fall, for the following purposes:

On Planting Beds... Apply a 1" - 2" layer of compost and incorporate it into the top 6" - 8" of soil a few weeks prior to planting. Condition soil this way every two years.

On Established Lawns... Scatter up to a half-inch layer of compost to nourish feeder roots. A light dusting of compost over seeded lawns helps increase germination.

On New Lawns... Compost should be applied a few weeks before laying sod or new seeding. Apply a 1" - 2" layer to soil and incorporate to a depth of 5" - 7".

To Help with Weed Control... Spread a 1" - 2" layer along garden paths and around vegetables for weed control and moisture retention.

Around Trees and Shrubs... Dig a hole 2/3 the depth of the root ball and at least twice as wide. Mix one part compost with two parts soil from the planting hole. Place the tree or shrub in the planting hole and apply amended soil around the root ball.

With Potting Soil... Blend one part compost with one part sand and one part garden soil.

As a Mulch... Spread a 2" layer on perennial beds in the spring to add organic material and micro nutrients.

Erosion Control... MWA has erosion control products called "overs" that can be purchased. Call 323-6525 for more information.



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Never plant in 100% compost! For best results, use as directed.