



Free Compost During the Month of April and May

During the months of April and May, the Yolo County Central Landfill, located at 44090 County Road 28H in Woodland, will be offering free compost to residents Monday – Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; no appointment is needed. You must bring your own shovel and bags.

Upon entering the Central Landfill, residents must show proof of residency such as a driver's license or utility bill; wear a mask; bring their own bags and shovel; and observe all local mandated physical distancing measures while on site. Residents are expected to bag and load the compost themselves.

County may impose a limit on the amount of compost available to individuals, depending on the availability of compost. No loading of compost by equipment is allowed, only shovels.

Customers that are in need of a large quantity of compost may inquire about purchasing compost at the main office. The intent of this program is to benefit Yolo County residents and not for commercial use.

The compost comes from the anaerobic composter cells that started operating at the Landfill in 2019. The composter has an annual total capacity of 52,000 tons per year and uses anaerobic bacteria to decompose organic waste, a mixture of green and food waste, in a sealed environment.

This decomposition process takes less than six months to complete and provides many benefits including: diverting organic waste from the landfill, producing renewable energy, reducing water use and carbon emissions, and creating compost. The composting process achieves temperatures of greater than 130°F and meets the requirements of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations §17855, resulting in the destruction of pathogens and weed seeds.

The compost is tested at a certified United States Composting Council laboratory and is certified by the Organic Materials Review Institute as suitable for use in certified organic production.