

FREE COMPOST

From April 1 through November 30 of each year, State law prohibits mixing grass clippings and leaves with household trash headed for the Coalition landfill. The City of Norfolk Transfer Station turns the yard waste into a beneficial organic compost for residential use.

Organic compost is produced primarily from grass clippings, leaves and wood chips. Compost is a humus-like material that looks like dark topsoil and may contain small amounts of sticks or woody material. It has an earthy aroma and is high in organic matter and contains other nutrients such as phosphorus and potassium.

Organic compost will improve the health of your soil and its structure. Beneficial microbes in compost aide in reducing soil diseases. Compost decreases the bulk density of the topsoil and increases moisture retention in soil.

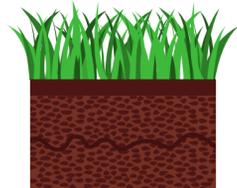


Plants will benefit from healthy soils. Organic compost promotes increased root and leaf development and flower, fruit, or vegetable production.



IMPROVING CLAY AND SANDY SOILS

Applying organic compost to clay or sandy soils will improve the porosity, water holding capacity, and nutrient content and add beneficial microorganisms to the soil. Application rates depend on the amount of clay or sand in the soil.



BLENDING TOPSOIL/ ESTABLISHING NEW LAWNS

When making blended topsoil, the recommended mixture is one part compost mixed with four parts soil. To establish a new lawn, apply one inch of organic compost to the topsoil, and mix thoroughly within the subsoil.



FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDENS

Compost may be used to enrich the soil in flower and vegetable gardens. Apply a one-inch layer of compost over the entire garden area and till into six inches of soil.

COMPOST AVAILABILITY

Compost is available free of charge on a first come, first served basis for those who load it themselves. This can be done anytime during operating hours. The Transfer Station will load small loads for \$10.00 per load. Loading is only available

Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**NORFOLK AREA SOLID
WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

 600 East Monroe Avenue

 402-844-2231

 **HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:30 a.m. - noon


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