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## Spring Compost & Woodchip Sale

The City's Spring Compost and Woodchip Sale was held on Thursday through Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. A total of 880 vehicles entered our facility during the event (Table 1), and a total of \$10,370 was generated during the sale. An estimated 2,013 cubic yards (1,107 tons) of compost and 1,050 cubic yards (302 tons) of woodchips were distributed.



The compost sold was a mix of 2014'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 5,224 cubic yards (2,873 tons) of compost from March-August yard waste that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution and 1,572 cubic yards (452 tons) of woodchips. Approximately 3,211 cubic yards (1,766 tons) of compost and 522 cubic yards (150 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 19	Fri. Mar 20	Sat. Mar 21	
<b>New Customers</b>	120	234	208	<b>562</b>
<b>Repeat Customers</b>	81	95	142	<b>318</b>
<b>Total (each day)</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>880</b>

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.