

# COMPOST

We thank you for your recent purchase of compost from the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre. Please review this pamphlet which contains important information about your compost.



## Ingredients

This compost was made from food waste, branches, leaves and other plant material collected through the residential green cart program.

## How It's Made

Collected material is hand sorted to remove as much non-organic material as possible. It is then shredded and composted reaching a minimum 55°C (to kill pathogens), screened and then stored outside until ready for purchase.

## Compost Batch Information

Minimum Organic Matter: 56.73%  
Maximum Moisture: 56.73%  
Batch: Leaf & Yard Waste March 2022



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\*\*PLEASE READ\*\*\*

**Compost is made primarily from organics collected through the residential green cart program. Therefore, the finished product may contain non-organic items such as glass, plastic, and other sharp objects. Appropriate precautions should be made when handling this product.**

(Please turn over for more information on using this product)



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## Benefits

Plants require organic matter to grow. **OVWRC compost is not a fertilizer.** It is considered a soil amendment. It will help your soil retain moisture, provide better infiltration of air and water in heavier soils, and it may also help improve soil structure and reduce soil erosion. Healthier soil, means healthier plants!



## How to Use Compost

**DO NOT SEED DIRECTLY INTO THE COMPOST.  
ALWAYS MIX WITH EXISTING SOIL.**

**Compost can be used at any time – Spring, Summer and Fall.**

**On New Lawns:** Apply compost at a depth of 1 inch and till to a depth of 5 inches. On sandy or clay soils apply compost at a depth of 2 inches and till to a depth of 8 inches.

**On Existing Lawns:** Apply compost to a depth of 1/8 to 1/2 inch.

**In Vegetable and Flower Gardens:** Use at an application rate of approximately 10-30% of the garden mixture.

**Around Trees & Shrubs As Mulch:** Spread around trees and shrubs to a depth of 3 inches.



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