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## **Loudoun County Landfill Now Offers Free Compost**

The Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility is now offering free compost that will enhance soil and promote healthy plant growth for local gardeners. This is in addition to the free mulch at the landfill that the county has offered to residents for many years.

The landfill annually processes more than 7,000 tons of vegetative material received from the public into landscape grade mulch. Through recent program enhancements, the landfill is now able to create a finished compost product from yard waste, such as grass clippings, hedge clippings and leaves.



Stockpiles of the free mulch and compost are limited. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are located on the right side of the main entrance of the landfill, located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg. Only hand tools are allowed when loading; no powered equipment.

The upgraded composting operation is the result of a Board of Supervisors initiative to increase composting in the county through advancements in the processing of vegetative material at the landfill. The <a href="Loudoun County Energy Strategy">Loudoun County Energy Strategy</a>, approved by the Board in February 2023, calls for the county to expand the yard waste composting and recycling program to divert solid waste from the landfill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Landfill operating hours are Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information about services provided at the landfill are online at <u>loudoun.gov/landfill</u>.