



Compost Disposal Policy

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1.0 Policy Intent

The City of Cold Lake is committed to providing good quality Organic material from its Organics Recycling Program for use by City of Cold Lake residents, not-for-profit organizations and City staff for City projects.

2.0 Purpose

The Purpose of the Organics Policy is to provide a framework for the distribution of organic material from the City's Organic Recycling Program to the residents of Cold Lake, not-for-profit organizations and for the City's own use. This will allow all material collected through its Organic Recycling Program to be processed and turned into compost ready for re-use ensuring the City of Cold Lake's continued commitment to waste reduction.

3.0 Policy Statement

The City of Cold Lake will provide an efficient and cost effective means of carrying out an Organics Recycling Program to:

- 3.1 Reduce and divert organic material from going to landfill;
- 3.2 Provide good quality compost material as the end product of the organic recycling program back to the community;
- 3.4 Ensure its continued effort to reduce our impact on the local environment by offering good quality compost material to the community.

4.0 Managerial Guidelines

- 4.1 Compost material will be available free of charge to the following only:
 - 4.1.1 Residents of City of Cold Lake for their own non-commercial residential needs;
 - 4.1.2 Not-for-profit organizations – in order to generate funds for the organization, the not-for-profit organization is allowed resale of the compost material;

- 4.1.3 City of Cold Lake Departments will be provided no maximum limit of available material for City projects;
- 4.2 The organic material will be available for collection during regular hours of operation during specific collection periods. Collection periods and who can collect during the specific collection periods will be determined annually by the Administration. In establishing collection periods the amount of Organic material available shall be considered;
- 4.3 Collection time frames will be advertised;
- 4.4 Users must report to the Scale House before entering or leaving the site;
- 4.5 Residents will be allowed a maximum of 5 bags or 100 kg per visit;
- 4.7 Loose loads in trailers or pick-up trucks will be permitted up to 100 kg per visit;
- 4.8 Not-for-profit organizations will be allowed a maximum of 1000 kg per season;
- 4.10 Commercial companies/contractors will not be permitted to take or use the material.

5.0 Material Use

- 5.1 Flower Beds and Vegetable Gardens
- 5.2 Top Soil for Lawns

6.0 References

- Material Analysis by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the environment, guidelines for Compost Quality (CCME, 2005)

7.0 Persons Affected

Infrastructure Services Department
Any City of Cold Lake Department requiring compost material
City of Cold Lake Residents
City of Cold Lake Not-For-Profit Organizations

8.0 Revision/Review History

April 29, 2015
Date


Chief Administrative Officer

May 6, 2015
Date


Deputy Mayor