

Product Description

Rapid City Yard Waste Compost

Net Weight: Approx. 750 lbs per cubic yard

Composition of yard waste compost: grass clippings, tree limb waste, leaves, manure, and wood waste.

Analysis: Only natural processes (no chemical additives) are used in the composting process. All materials are ground and placed in outside windrows. The piles are turned and mixed as determined by the pile temperatures and moisture level. All products are tested by a third-party laboratory before being released to the public.

The yard waste compost is screened to three-eighths inch and three quarter inch (for use as compost). Woodchip products are available for mulch.

The material is ready for release to the public when the C:N (carbon to nitrogen) ratio, determined by laboratory testing, is less than 30 parts carbon to one part nitrogen).

Application: Yard waste compost is to be applied in accordance with the soil conditions of the site to which the compost is being applied and within standard practices of the industry. (See suggested use guidelines in Compost from Waste).

Recommended application:

Because compost is neither a fertilizer nor a soil but is incorporated into soil to improve the soil structure, increase water retention and create an improved environment for soil microorganisms, it is suggested that one part compost be blended with two to four parts of existing soil (depending on soil characteristics and the final use of the soil/compost blend.)

The fine screened (3/8") compost can also be used as a 1/2 to 1" top dressing on flower and vegetable gardens.

The 3/4" compost is an excellent compost and excellent as mulch around trees and shrubs.

The woodchips are an excellent base for paths. Some persons use the yardwaste woodchips as a path underlay and cover with a thin layer of a special kind of woodchip or prepared bark for esthetics.

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