

# **COMPOST**

## **USE AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Compost is a soil amendment – **DO NOT PLANT DIRECTLY INTO THIS OR ANY OTHER COMPOST. COMPOST SHOULD BE BLENDED THOROUGHLY WITH SOIL AND/OR OTHER NON-COMPOST AMENDMENTS** (such as peat moss if desired). The compost produced by A1 Organics has been monitored and documented under strict production guidelines. Time, temperature, and aeration events have been completed and documented to meet EPA standards for pathogen destruction. Tests for nutrients, seed germination, plant vigor, maturity, and stability are taken periodically and are available upon request.

#### For Sod Preparation:

Blend compost with existing soil. Use between 3 cubic yards per 1000 square feet (1" thick) to a maximum of 6 cubic yards per 1000 square feet (2" thick). Roto-till soil, disc, or manually blend this layer of compost with 6" of existing soil. It is best to mix soil first, then apply compost, then mix compost and loosened soil again.

#### For Seed Bed Preparation:

Blend compost with existing soil. Use between 1-1/2 cubic yards per 1000 square feet (1/2" thick) to a maximum of 3 cubic yards per 1000 square feet (1" thick). Roto-till, disc, or manually blend this layer of compost with 6" of existing soil. It is best to mix soil first, then apply compost, then mix compost and loosened soil again.

#### For Backfilling Trees:

Mix one part of compost with 3 parts of native soil and backfill around root ball.

#### For Vegetable Gardens and Flower Beds:

Blend compost with existing soil. Use between 3 cubic yards per 1000 square feet (1" thick) to a maximum of 6 cubic yards per 1000 square feet (2" thick). Roto-till, disc, or manually blend this layer of compost with 6" of existing soil. It is best to mix soil first, then apply compost, then mix compost and loosened soil again.

#### For Bedding Plants:

Spread 1/8 to 1/4" of compost evenly on top of soil, mix into the soil, and then water thoroughly.

### For House Plants:

Spread 1 tablespoon per 6'' pot or about 1/8'' of compost evenly over the top of the soil and water. Repeat every six months or when required.

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