

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAYS

Compost Depots

The City of Toronto's compost depots will be open from **April to October 2016**. Residents can get up to one cubic metre of free compost (approximately one car trunkful) at the locations listed below. Compost is available on a weekly basis while supplies last. For more information about composting, please visit toronto.ca/compost.

Community	Location	Available	Times
Etobicoke	Disco Drop Off Depot 120 Disco Rd. (At Carlingview Dr.)	Saturday April 2 to Saturday October 1	Sat.: 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
North York	Ingram Drop Off Depot 50 Ingram Dr. (East of Keele St. between Lawrence Ave. W. and Eglinton Ave. W.)	Saturday April 2 to Saturday October 1	Sat.: 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
North York	Victoria Park Drop Off Depot 3350 Victoria Park Ave. (Between Finch Ave. and McNicoll Ave.)	Saturday April 2 to Saturday October 1	Sat.: 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Scarborough	Scarborough Drop Off Depot 1 Transfer Place (Markham Rd., north of Sheppard Ave. E.)	Saturday April 2 to Saturday October 1	Sat.: 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Toronto	Commissioners Drop Off Depot 400 Commissioner St. (South of Lake Shore Blvd. E., between Don Roadway & Carlaw Ave., enter off Bouchette St.)	Saturday April 2 to Saturday October 1	Sat.: 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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You can also get free compost at your **local Community Environment Day event**, which are taking place across the city from April through October. Visit toronto.ca/environment_days to locate the event nearest you and find out what else you can bring to, and get from, a Community Environment Day.



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The Facts About Compost

What is compost?



Compost is the product of a controlled, safe and efficient process. The process uses naturally occurring micro-organisms to convert materials that were once considered waste, such as yard waste materials and organic Green Bin materials, into an excellent source of plant nutrients for gardens and lawns. Compost also improves the structure and water holding properties of the soil.

Where does this compost come from?

Yard waste and organic materials collected at the curb throughout the City of Toronto are used to create this compost. The bulk of the finished compost comes from the yard waste program. Five to ten percent may come from the Green Bin program. Various Ontario processors receive these materials and blend them with organic materials of different types and from different sources producing optimum conditions (curing, turning, aerating, etc) for composting.

What is the quality of this compost?

Before leaving the composting facilities the compost is tested to ensure that it satisfies provincial requirements for safety and to ensure that the quality is suitable for its intended use. It is an excellent soil amendment and is safe to use in gardens and on lawns. However, plants should not be placed in pure compost just as they should not place them in pure fertilizer. As a soil amendment, the compost should be mixed with soil at a ratio of 1 part compost to 6 parts soil.

Steam may emit from the compost pile, especially if it has just been delivered on a cool morning. It is a normal release of heat during the decomposition process. The woody and earthy smell in the compost comes from its nutrients.

City of Toronto composting information can be viewed at:
<http://www.toronto.ca/compost/index.htm>

The provincial compost quality guidelines can be viewed at:
<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/1749e01.htm>