

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS FOR COMPOST

VEGETABLE GARDENS:

- Initial Spring Preparation: Spread the compost evenly over the surface and till into root zone. Smooth surface, plant seeds or plants, and top dress with 1" of compost.
- During the Summer: To discourage weeds and increase moisture retention, top dress with 1" of compost.
- Initial Fall Preparation: Spread compost evenly over the surface and leave untouched until spring.

INDIVIDUAL BEDS:

- Till the compost into soil and top dress with an additional 1" of compost.

TREES AND SHRUBS:

- To encourage deep rooting, dig 12" deeper than the actual rootball. Mix 1 part compost with 1 part existing soil to fill the first 2" of the hole, then add an additional 1-2" of soil. Place rootball in the hole; surround and cover it firmly with a mixture of 1 part compost and 2 parts soil. After watering and settling, top dress with an additional 2" of compost.

NEW LAWNS:

- Spread 1-2" of compost over area, lightly till into soil before seeding.

ESTABLISHED LAWNS:

- Cut grass to medium height, spread 1/4-1/2" of compost over the area, irrigate and rake lightly to prevent coagulation.

LAWNS UNDER EVERGREENS:

- Seed lawn directly into 1" of compost spread under evergreen trees. Apply 1/2" of compost annually to counteract the acidity of the fallen evergreen needles.

FLOWERS & BERRIES:

- Top dress with 2-3" of compost in the spring or early summer.

POTTED PLANTS:

- Top dress with 1" of compost initially and/or when replanting.

BULBS & TUBERS:

- Apply a handful of compost when planting each bulb or set and top dress with an additional 1-2".

ROSES:

- Mix 1 part compost with 1 part existing soil when planting. Irrigate and top dress with an additional 1-2".

City of Laramie Compost meets all Federal EPA #503 regulations.