



more soil OM...
more water storage
more microbial activity
more soil structure

ORGANIC MATTER MATTERS



HOW TO USE COMPOST & MULCH

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR PROJECT?

- LAWN - New sod or seed ————— **BioComp**
- LAWN - Improvement or spot treatment ————— **COMAND**
- Trees & Shrubs ————— **BioComp & EcoGro**
- Garden or Flower Beds ————— **EcoPlus**
- Mulched Landscape Beds or Trees ————— **CO Mulch**
- Containers & Houseplants ————— **EcoPlus**

CHOOSE THE RIGHT COMPOST OR MULCH

COMPOST TYPES

CLASS I COMPOSTS

- BioComp™ STA Certified Compost**
- EcoGro™ STA Certified Compost**
- EcoPlus™ OMRI Listed Compost** (approved for organic production)

Safe for all plants, soils, and all seasons
Perfect for Colorado soils
Beneficial for clay and/or high-salt soils
Always blend compost with existing soil, do not direct plant

Comand™ STA Certified Compost

Fine-textured compost for turf topdressing
Designed for all lawns and sports turf
Apply bi-annually spring and fall

CLASS II COMPOST

- Premium 3™ Compost**
- Nutrient-rich dairy manure compost
- Must be thoroughly incorporated into soil & use recommended rates only

COLORADO LOG MULCH

Colorado produced double ground screened wood mulch
Used on the soil surface to protect (not mixed into soil)
Helps with weed suppression, moisture retention, and temperature control.

BENEFITS

COMPOST BENEFITS

- Improves soil structure and aggregation
- Increases water holding capacity
- Adds organic matter & plant nutrients
- Supports beneficial soil biology
- Helps break up clay and improve sandy soils

MULCH BENEFITS

- Reduces weeds naturally
- Conserves soil moisture
- Moderates soil temperature
- Protects soil from erosion

CHOOSE CERTIFIED & LISTED



STA Certified
COMPOST
Clarity. Consistency. Confidence.

STA CERTIFIED is the car-fax of COMPOST.
CLARITY, CONSISTENCY & CONFIDENCE:

- You know what's in the compost (ingredient list + performance data).
- Testing & lab practices are consistent across certified producers.
- You can trust the product is safe and fit for purpose.



OMRI Listed® means a product has been reviewed & approved by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) for use in USDA National Organic Program (NOP), and in organic food production.

DIG INTO MORE



HOW OFTEN?



GARDENS & BEDS: MULCH & COMPOST • BI-ANNUALLY (SPRING OR FALL)

LAWNS: COMPOST • BI-ANNUALLY (SPRING AND/OR FALL PREFERRED)

TREES & SHRUBS: MULCH • AT PLANTING; SURFACE ANNUALLY

HOUSEPLANTS: COMPOST • EVERY 6 MONTHS OR AS NEEDED

APPLICATION TIPS

- Compost is a soil amendment, not a planting media
- Always blend compost with existing soil
- Mix soil first, apply compost, mix again
- Water thoroughly after application
- Do not bury grass blades when topdressing lawns
- Order slightly more mulch than calculated for full coverage
- A 3-4 inch layer of mulch will protect against weeds
- Amended Soils can save time. A1's **Amended 30 & 50**
- **Only use compost, no need for fertilizers or chemicals**

SOIL TYPE?

CLAY SOIL: Heavy, sticky, doesn't break apart when squeezed

SANDY / LOAM SOIL: Breaks apart easily, drains quickly

HIGH-SALT SOIL: Confirmed by soil test. Check in at a local university.

KNOWING YOUR SOIL HELPS SELECT THE RIGHT COMPOST TYPE & APPLICATION RATE.

HOW MUCH BY PROJECT

- LAWNS (SOD OR SEED PREP)**
Clay or sandy soils:
3-4 CY / 1,000 sq ft (Class I or II compost)
Incorporate compost 4-6 inches deep



- EXISTING LAWNS (TOPDRESSING)**
Use a 1/4" screened compost - **Comand™**
1-2 CY per 1,000 sq ft of turf = 1/4" to 1/2" rate
Core aeration recommended before application
Water directly after application



- VEGETABLE GARDENS & FLOWER BEDS**
4-6 CY per 1,000 sq ft (Class I or II)
Incorporate into existing bed soil or in ground beds
Use OMRI® Listed compost for organic production
Early spring or late fall for best results



- TREES & SHRUBS (PLANTING)**
CLASS I OR II Certified Compost
Add 30%-50% compost to existing soil removed from digging hole



- MULCH APPLICATIONS**
New beds: **3-4 inches evenly covered**
Existing beds: **1-2 inches evenly covered**
Always round up on volume needed



MEASURE YOUR PROJECT, HOW?



EASY WAY?
SCAN THIS CODE FOR A VOLUME CALCULATOR

- 1 Measure Length (feet)**
- 2 Measure Width (feet)**
- 3 Measure Depth (inches)**



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