



# GARDEN GOLD COMPOST



## Garden Gold Compost

**Ingredients:** Leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, brush, tree trimmings, shrubs, and paper (from Essex-Windsor residents). The material is shredded, and composted at 55° Celsius (to kill pathogens and weed seeds) for six months to a year, and screened to ½ inch diameter.

*Recommendations for product use are suggestions based on the analysis that was performed on the samples. This compost is primarily suited for general landscaping, soil mix blending, and light topdressing purposes, due to its fine texture and physical properties. The suggested use is meant only as a guide for interpretation on what the best end use may be.*

*The results indicate that this product is mineral-rich, medium textured compost, with some minor evidence of sodium. Based on the properties, suggested uses would meet criteria for soil amendment, blending and light topdressing end-uses purposes. This compost indicates it is very rich in micronutrients, which make it ideal for landscaping, topdressing, and amendment purposes.*

*...as performed by A&L Laboratories Inc.*

**Benefits:** Plants require organic matter to grow. While it is not a fertilizer, it does contain a wide range of micronutrients. It can increase the soil's ability to retain moisture in sandy soils and may provide better infiltration of air and water in clay and heavy soils. It may also improve soil structure and decrease soil erosion.

**DIRECTIONS:** Compost can be used at any time - spring, summer, and fall. Apply no more than 1 kg of compost for every square metre in a year or 5 kg for every square metre for any 5 year period. Compost should not be used on soils with elevated copper or zinc concentrations.

**Flower Beds & Vegetable Gardens:** Compost should be applied to flower beds and vegetable gardens a few weeks prior to planting. The compost may be hot or warm at the time of purchase. This means that the material is still in a state of decomposition. The material can still be dug into garden beds where it will continue to decompose. The material can also be stockpiled, where it will again continue to breakdown and "cool".

**Top Dressing:** When using compost as a top dressing on lawns or gardens, first make sure that the material has "cooled". When applying to the lawn, sift the compost through a fine screen (1/4 inch or less).

**New Sod or Seeding:** Compost should be applied a few weeks before laying sod or new seeding. It can be dug into the first few inches of the soil. It may be wise to have your soil tested prior to seeding or laying expensive sod to ensure that your soil is healthy.

**Around Trees & Shrubs as Mulch:** Conserve soil moisture, reduce the need for irrigation, minimize weed growth, and insulate soil to slow temperature changes. Spread around trees and shrubs to a depth of 3 inches. Leave a 3-inch buffer between the compost and shrubs or trees. Make sure compost is cool before applying.

**Erosion Control:** Have a difficult slope to plant? Apply a layer of compost first to hold soil and seed in place.

**WARNING:** The sodium content in compost may be harmful to some sensitive plants. Check plant labels carefully prior to planting. Never apply compost directly to grass or plants when it is still hot - this can damage plants. Wait for material to cool before applying. Warm compost can be applied directly to garden beds, however, wait a couple of weeks before planting.

### Where To Buy Compost

### Purchase Options / Prices

2015

#### Public Drop Off Depot (Windsor)

3560 North Service Rd. E.

Compost is available

**April thru Nov.**

Mon. - Sat.: 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**1-800-563-3377**

#### Purchase:

- **Pre-bagged Garden Gold:** \$3.25 per bag or 4 bags for \$11.00
  - **Bag Your Own:** \$4.00 per bag (bag included).
  - **Bulk Loads:** \$13.50 per yard (mechanical loading provided)
  - **Delivery:** By Appointment Only, Call 1-800-563-3377.
- (Windsor, Essex, LaSalle, Tecumseh):**  
\$56.33 delivery includes tax + \$13.50 per cubic yard.
- (Amherstburg, Kingsville, Leamington, Lakeshore):**  
\$96.05 delivery includes tax + \$13.50 per cubic yard.

#### Transfer Station #2 (Kingsville)

2021 Albuna Townline  
(County Rd. 31)

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Sat. 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

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~ Compost Is Available While Supplies Last ~

Add a little gold to your garden. Your flowers and veggies will love it!

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