

## City of Lawrence Fall Compost Sale October 20-22, 2011

The City's Fall Compost Sale was scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Compost was offered on a first-come, first-served basis until the supply was depleted. The sale sold out at approximately 11:00 am on Friday. The weather on Thursday and Friday started off cool, but ended sunny and 70 degrees. The compost sold was a mix of 2011's March/April and May composted yard trimmings. The compost was sold for \$10 per scoop, which is approximately 3 cubic yards, or it was free for self-loaders.

A total of 572 vehicles entered our facility over the two-day period (Table 1). Well organized traffic queuing ensured safe access, egress, and loading for a variety of vehicle types. There were no accidents at this sale. The Compost Sale started with approximately 1,386 cubic yards (762.3 tons) of compost from March-May yard trimmings that was screened, tested, and ready for distribution. A total of \$5,190 was generated during the compost sale.

Table 1: Number of new and repeat customers each day and the total over the three-day period.

-	Thurs., Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fri., Oct. 21st	Sat., Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Total (all days)
New Customers	323	70	N/A	393
Repeat Customers	166	13	N/A	179
Total (each day)	489	83	N/A	572

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Many people do not have access to trucks or need large amounts of compost, so a large pile of compost on the north side of the pad was created to accommodate self-loaders.



The majority of vehicles through our facility were trucks, which were loaded with either of two front end loaders.