

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Make it Flourish with
Free Nitrogen-Rich Compost!

Composted biosolids are available to
the public for unrestricted use as a soil
amendment at no cost.



Apply the nitrogen-rich compost available free from the Ojai Valley Sanitary District; then stand back and watch your plants grow.

A number of experienced local gardeners who use the compost as a mulch and soil amendment report strong new plant growth and a profusion of blooms, fruits and vegetables.

The compost material is 50% biosolids from the wastewater treatment process and 50% horse bedding from local stables. The materials are combined and composted at the OVSD Wastewater Treatment Plant. Regular testing assures that OVSD compost meets the Environmental Protection Agency's "Class A Exceptional Quality" standards for biosolids.

Bring your own container or fill a truckload at the District's wastewater treatment plant located at 6363 North Ventura Avenue.

Supplies are limited. To ensure availability, which is highest in summer through late fall, call:

(805) 646-5548



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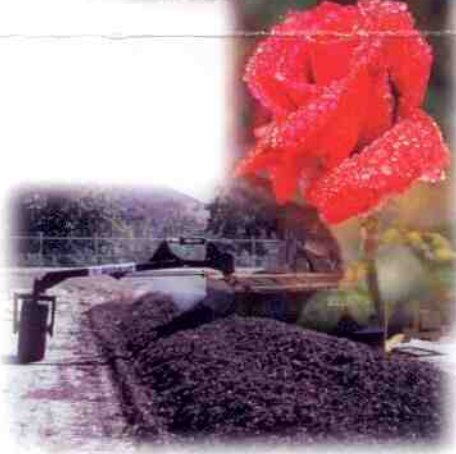
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Here's the Dirt on Biosolids

Rich, natural compost is now available to the public free of charge



In nature, microorganisms degrade organic matter in the soil. We use the same process and microorganisms to break down the biological solids that result from our wastewater treatment processes to produce a safe, clean useful soil amendment.

The treatment

Wastewater collected in our sewer system flows to the treatment plant where it is treated. Microorganisms in our treatment processes consume the waste, producing new bacterial cells as a result. These microorganisms are squeezed out of the water and become biosolids.

These biosolids are mixed with livestock bedding material and composted at our treatment plant. Composting is a biological process that reduces the volume of material, eliminating pathogenic microorganisms, and producing a beneficial soil amendment.

Biosolid benefits

Using composted biosolids as a soil amendment adds bulk to marginal soil, improves water retention, and reduces erosion. Compost also has nutritive value and will reduce the need for fertilizers.

Our composting operation is regulated by County, State and Federal agencies and it is inspected by Ventura County Environmental Health. Our compost is tested for pathogenic organisms and heavy metals and meets USEPA criteria for a Class A product for unrestricted use and poses no health hazards.

Composted biosolids are available to the public free of charge, giving local residents the opportunity to join recycling efforts and receive benefits in return for their service dollars.

Pick up a bag, or a truckload, of this highly beneficial soil amendment. Call (805) 646-5548 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to ensure availability.



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