



Sonoma Compost Donation Policy

Sonoma Compost operates the Sonoma County Organic Recycling Program for the County and local cities. We donate compost or mulch to local schools and community organizations to assist such groups and to further the goals of the Organic Recycling Program. We ask those receiving compost or mulch to publicize its use by such means as garden signage or a story in your organization's newsletter.

To qualify, the use of donated materials must offer real educational benefits. Material donated to schools should: be used by students, in programs, that are part of the school curriculum. Life science and school garden projects are examples of donation requests likely to be granted. Community based programs that educate about the benefits of the Organic Recycling Program, the importance of the decomposition process in nature's life cycle and the value of compost and mulch in sustainable agriculture will also be considered.

Due to the number of requests we receive, donations are typically limited to one per year per school or community group. Requests for material to be used in school landscaping cannot be granted.

Please review the following when making a donation request:

- 1) All requests for donated material must be in writing, on a school or organization's letterhead and sent to Sonoma Compost, 550 Meacham Road, Petaluma, CA 94952. Fax 707-664-1943. E-mail to office@sonomacompost.com. Please include a contact name and phone number.
- 2) Please describe the education program related to the compost/mulch use, how donated materials will be used, and how many students will be involved. Donated material must be applied by the students and/or be the end-users who will benefit from the donation.
- 3) Please indicate the amount of compost or mulch needed and the date you would like to pick up donated material.

You will be notified by phone, the Friday following your request if the donation is granted. Although Sonoma Compost cannot be responsible for the cost of hauling donated material, we can suggest a hauler or arrange hauling if needed.