

Class "A" Compost

The JHWWTF compost meets or exceeds all EPA Class 'A' requirements for safe handling and food crop applications. It may initially retain a slightly pungent natural odor from the composting bacteria. This will dissipate as the compost is soaked-in or blended and watered into the receiving soil.



Utilization of compost will increase plant growth and health while conserving water at the root zone. Please help us continue providing this first-class product for your use by following these guidelines:

How to Use Class "A" Compost

- Prepare site for application prior to pick-up. This product should NOT be stock-piled, as the material may be wind-driven beyond the boundaries of your property.
- Apply in the area to be covered, spreading the compost no greater than 1/2 inch (one half inch) depth. If handling large amounts, the use of a dust mask is suggested.
- If applying to existing lawn or landscape, soak freshly spread compost with water. Continue soaking over the course of the next three days. If amending or developing a new site, larger amounts may be blended or backfilled into the existing soils, then watered or mulched over.
- Please contact Water Conservation at 575-528-3549 to request a variance of your watering schedule.

If you should have any questions about the product or the composting process, please call us at 575-528-3597.



How's it made?

Waste or sludge from the Jacob Hands Waste Water Treatment Facility is put on a belt press to de-water. Sludge comes off the belt press at an average of 20% solid.

The 20% sludge solids are then trucked away to the West Mesa Composting Facility, a 5-acre concrete pad is used to begin the drying process.

Once windrowed the compost pile starts to heat up from biological activity. At this point we begin daily temperature monitoring to ensure proper heat build-up within the pile. After three days of 55 °C (131 °F) readings or higher the pile is turned and mixed. This process is repeated for a total of five turns.

The last step in the composting process is sampling. Samples are tested for total solids and fecal coliforms in the City of Las Cruces Water Quality Lab. Once the lab results are completed with positive results (EPA 503 Regulations) the compost is then ready for distribution.

In addition to the internal testing done at the Water Quality Lab, compost is also sent out for independent testing every two months for metals nutrients and organic matter as well as percent moisture and pH. Biannual testing is also tested for Helminth Ova, Enteric Virus, and Salmonella.

Where to get Compost

Class “A” Compost is available at two sites in Las Cruces free of charge:

JHWWTF

2851 W Amador, 88004

HOURS: Monday– Friday 7:00AM-3:30PM

- Offers compost in buckets
- Only 5 gallon buckets can be filled.
- Buckets are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Up to 10 five gallon buckets per customer per trip.
- BUCKETS LARGER OR SMALLER THAN 5 GALLONS WILL NOT BE FILLED

West Mesa Site

995 S Crawford Rd, 88007

HOURS : Monday-Friday 8:00AM to 1:30 PM

- Offers compost by the truckload
- You must call ahead to 575-528-3597 to ensure that an operator is available to load your truck.
- You must have a tarp to cover the truck bed. The operator will not load the compost unless you have a tarp.



West Mesa Directions

Need a truck or a trailer filled? We can help you at the West Mesa site at:

995 S Crawford Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007

HOURS : Monday-Friday 8:00AM to 1:30 PM

Please **call ahead** to ensure an attendant is available and bring a **tarp** to cover the load.

Then:

- Take I-10W towards Deming
- Take Exit 132, Las Cruces Airport
- Turn left at STOP onto Crawford Blvd
- Crawford Blvd will turn into a dirt road
- The West Mesa site will be on the right

