

Composting Facility

Materials Accepted

The City of Palo Alto produces high quality compost and mulch made from the green waste generated by the City and its residents at their award winning compost facility.

Green waste materials are accepted from Palo Alto residents, non-residents and from the commercial sector. Check the Landfill's Rate & Fee Schedule for the drop-off rates.

Compostable Materials Accepted:

- Grass clippings
- Plant trimmings
- Tree parts
- Leaves
- Shrub
- Ivy
- Succulents, ice plants

Preparation:

- Cut tree limbs to less than 12 inches in diameter by 18 inches in length

Materials Not Accepted:

- Dirt, sod, rocks, tan bark
- Plastic bags
- Trash, rubbish, metal
- Construction lumber
- Stumps
- Tree limbs larger than 12 inches in diameter by 18 inches
- Bamboo, pampas grass
- Palm, yucca, flax
- Cactus, poison oak
- Food scraps, fruits and vegetables
- Manure