

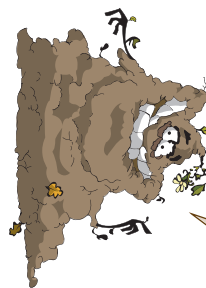
NYC Department of Sanitation  
Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling  
**Fall 2008 Compost Givebacks**

NYC residents (sorry, no businesses) can receive unlimited amounts of **free, high-quality compost** (a natural soil enhancer). **See inside for info on when and where.**

Bring a shovel and sturdy containers to take away compost. If you want your pickup truck filled, bring a tarp to cover the compost for transport. **(Only vehicles registered to NYC addresses can pick up compost.** No commercial vehicles allowed.)

Compost is a crumbly, earthy material that looks and feels like soil. Adding compost to backyards, gardens, and parks improves soil quality, increases plant growth, and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and watering. Compost is an ideal soil amendment when planting new trees (see info on tree planting below).

For more info on composting, what to do with compost, and how to make your own compost, visit the **NYC Compost Project** website at [www.nyccompost.org](http://www.nyccompost.org).



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& Bin Sales**

OFFICIAL NOTICE



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**Get Involved with MillionTreesNYC!**

Launched by the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation and New York Restoration Project, **MillionTreesNYC** is a public-private initiative with an important goal: to plant and care for one million trees across the city's five boroughs. NYC trees remove air pollution, reduce energy costs, and capture storm water.

**Tree-Care Tips**

- Water your tree 15–20 gallons once a week — particularly the months of May through October. During periods of drought or extreme heat, water your tree twice a week.
- Apply a three-inch layer of mulch around the base of your tree each spring and gently loosen the soil around the tree if it becomes hard.
- Do not add soil around your tree or over its roots as this will cause suffocation.
- Keep the soil around your trees healthy by keeping it free of animal waste, hazard chemicals, and litter.

**Help Plant New Trees!**

- Plant a tree in your yard and remember to register it online.
- Join a volunteer group that plants trees in parks and other public lands.
- Ask the City to plant a street tree on your block.
- Learn how to care for newly planted trees.
- Educate your friends, family and colleagues on the importance of NYC's urban forest.
- Make a donation to support tree planting.

There are a million opportunities to create a greater, greener New York City.

**Discover all the ways you can help!**

Visit [www.milliontreesnyc.org](http://www.milliontreesnyc.org)



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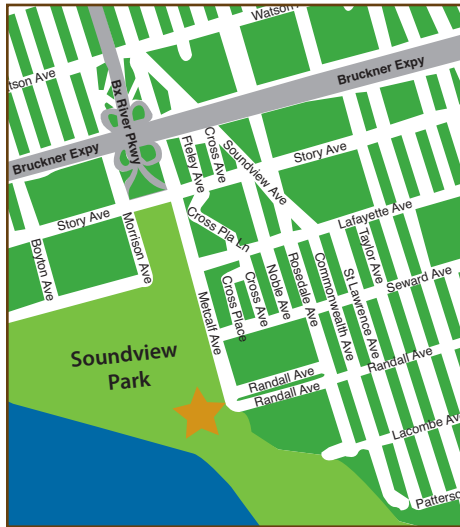
NYC residents and community groups from any borough can get unlimited amounts of free compost at these events.



## Soundview Composting Site in the Bronx

Randall Ave. near intersection with Rosedale Ave., close to the Bruckner Expressway

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**October 4 & 5**  
**8am to 2pm**  
rain or shine



### Driving Directions

#### From the Bruckner Expressway:

Take the Bruckner Expressway (East) to Exit 51 (Bronx River Parkway North/White Plains) • take Service Road (Bruckner Blvd.) • go past shopping center and past Bronx River Parkway • turn RIGHT onto Soundview Ave. • stay on Soundview to 5th traffic light • turn RIGHT onto Randall Ave. • stay on Randall to the end, follow signs for the Composting Site.

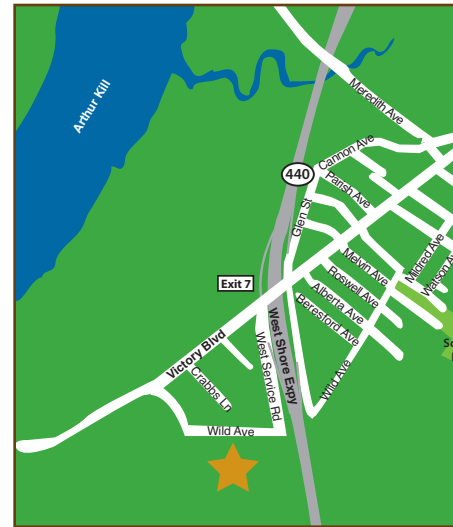
#### From the Bronx River Parkway (southbound):

Take Exit 1 (Story Ave.) • at light, turn LEFT onto Story • go to 2nd traffic light, turn RIGHT onto Soundview Ave. • stay on Soundview to 4th traffic light • turn RIGHT onto Randall Ave. • stay on Randall to the end, follow signs for the Composting Site.

## Fresh Kills Composting Site on Staten Island

West Service Rd., near Exit 7 of Rt. 440

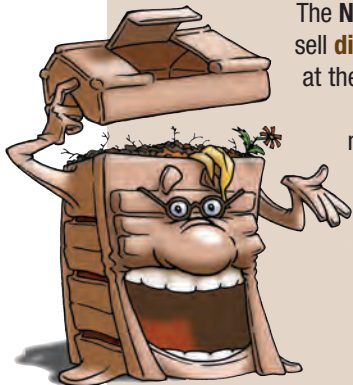
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**October 18 & 19**  
**8am to 2pm**  
rain or shine



### Driving Directions

#### From I-278 (West):

Take Exit 5 (SR 440-West Shore Expy) towards Rt. 440/Outerbridge Crossing take Rt. 440 South to Exit 7 (Victory Blvd) at light, go straight (road becomes West Service Rd.) • go past car dealership on right • stop at entrance to the landfill across from the New York Sports Club • once inside the landfill, follow signs to the Composting Site.



The NYC Compost Project will sell **discounted compost bins** at these events for \$20 (while supplies last) so you can make your own compost. For more info on composting, visit the NYC Compost Project website at [www.nyccompost.org](http://www.nyccompost.org).

## Unfortunately, Still No Compost Givebacks in Brooklyn

At present, DSNY doesn't have an operating compost site in Queens or Brooklyn, so we are unable to provide more convenient giveback locations for residents in these boroughs.

DSNY is awaiting final approval from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for a permit to operate the Spring Creek Compost Site, located near the Brooklyn/Queens border by the Gateway mall.

DSNY currently has only two permitted compost sites (Fresh Kills on Staten Island and Soundview in the Bronx). To keep composting programs operational, DSNY needs additional sites. To address this problem, NYC's Solid Waste Management Plan created the Compost Siting Task Force comprised of representatives appointed by the Mayor, the five Borough Presidents, and City Council.