



# Compost for Sacramento Small Farms

Compost can...

**Improve drainage and reduce flooding**



Bad drainage



Better drainage

**Improve soil structure**



Bad soil structure



Good soil structure

**Improve soil health and nutrient supply**



More fertilizers every year



Less fertilizer plus compost

# How to Add Compost to Your Farm

## 1. How much compost do I need?

5 to 10 tons per acre.

Not more than 15 tons per acre.

For 1 acre: 5 to 10 tons

For 2.5 acres: 13 to 25 tons

For 3 acres: 15 to 30 tons

## 2. Does the company sell by the yard or ton?

1 ton = 2.5 yards

## 3. How much will it cost?

For example, compost costs \$49 per ton

$$\$49/2.5 = \$19.60 \text{ per yard}$$

For example, compost costs \$17 per yard

$$\$17 \times 2.5 = \$42.5 \text{ per ton}$$

## 4. Does the compost company deliver and spread? What is the cost of each?

For example, if it costs \$39/ton (2,000 lbs.) for compost including delivery, and \$10/ton to have it spread:

If adding 10 tons/acre:

For 1 acre of compost delivered + spread on the farm = 1 acre x 10 tons/acre x \$49 = \$490

For 2 acres of compost + spread on the farm = 2 acres x 10 tons/acre x \$49 = \$980

If adding 5 tons per acre:

For 1 acre of compost spread on the farm = 1 acre x 5 tons/acre x \$49 = \$245

For 2 acres of compost spread on the farm = 2 acres x 5 tons/acre x \$49 = \$490

## 5. When do I add compost?

The best time to add compost is after the plastic and drip tape is removed from old strawberry beds, and the old beds have been disked and leveled.

## Local Compost Suppliers:

Name/Contact	Type	Deliver	Spread	Price* (yards)	Price (tons)
Westside Spreading 205 Maedell Way Woodland, CA 95695 (530) 219-6267 westsidespreading@att.net	Green waste compost	Yes (40 yard=18 tons minimum for delivery)	Yes, \$10 extra per ton	\$15.60/yard	\$39/ton (including delivery)
Lopez Ag Service 11499 Florin Rd Sacramento, CA 95830 (916) 682-5450 www.lopezagservice.com	Recycled Compost	Yes	Yes	\$17/yard	\$42.50/ton (including delivery)
Redi-gro Soil Amendments 8909 Elder Creek Road Sacramento, CA 95828 (916) 381-6063 www.redi-gro.com	Recycled compost	Yes	No	\$28/yard	\$70/ton (including delivery)
Jepsom Prairie Organics/Recology 6426 Hay Road Vacaville, CA 95687 (707) 249-1338 www.recologyorganics.com	Green waste compost + food waste	40-yard minimum for delivery, \$400 to Florin	Yes	\$20/yard	\$50/ton plus delivery charge

\*Prices provided are rough approximations and may differ according to volume ordered, distance from supplier, and other conditions.

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