

Denver Recycles' Roundup

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[Editor's Note: The Denver Recycles' Roundup is a monthly news column written by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management. The publication includes updates on seasonal and ongoing activities related to the City and County of Denver's residential recycling programs. Editors are invited to publish all or part of the column, but we do request that major edits are reviewed by our staff to ensure accuracy of information. Questions may be directed to Denver Recycles at 303-446-3557.]

Save the Date! The Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale is Saturday, May 4, 2019

Denver residents looking to start the garden and landscaping season off right won't want to miss Denver Recycles' **Annual Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale** on **Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8 AM to 2 PM**. The main event site, located at the Havana Nursery (Smith Road & Havana Street), will have mulch available *for free* and compost available *for purchase* at significantly reduced prices. There will also be four satellite sites for "dig-your-own" mulch located around Denver.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

- This is a one-day event and your only opportunity to purchase *discounted* bulk and bagged compost from the Denver Composts program. Don't miss out!
- Compost will only be available at the Havana Nursery site (10450 Smith Rd., just south of I-70 on Havana St.), and only while supplies last. Compost will be available in one-cubic-foot bags for \$4.00 per bag and in bulk for \$35.00 per cubic yard. Complimentary compost loader service available for bulk compost purchases. There is no "dig-your-own" compost option. Limit of 20 bags or 3 cubic yards per vehicle.

- ❑ **Free mulch will be available at the Havana Nursery site and at four additional “dig-your-own” mulch satellite sites, while supplies last.** Complimentary mulch loader service available at the Havana site only.
- ❑ **The four “dig-your-own” mulch sites are as follows:**
 - **Bear Creek Park** (South of Dartmouth Ave. on Raleigh St.)
 - **Fred Thomas Park** (Quebec St. & 26th Ave.)
 - **Sloan’s Lake Park** (Sheridan Blvd. & 17th Ave.)
 - **Veterans' Park** (Iowa Ave. & Vine St.)

Compost is a great soil amendment that can be used to improve soil in new construction projects, landscape renovations, backyard gardens, container gardens and even houseplants. Compost is widely recognized for its ability to improve soil structure, reduce water needs, and add soil nutrients and beneficial microorganisms. The compost sold at this event is made in part from leaves collected from last fall's **LeafDrop** program and from the organic materials collected through the **Denver Composts** program.

The mulch for this event is made from ground up Christmas trees collected through the **Treecycle** program, and from storm debris branches removed from Denver parks. Mulch can be applied to landscaped areas to control weeds, retain soil moisture, and protect shallow-rooted plants.

EVENT REMINDERS:

1. Residents must bring their own pitchfork or shovel for loading mulch, and bags or containers for transporting mulch.
2. Residents must bring their own tarps to cover loads of mulch and/or compost in trucks and trailers.
3. Commercial entities are prohibited from taking mulch and purchasing compost offered at this event.
4. **The Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale is for Denver residents only.**

The Mulch Giveaway & Compost Sale is sponsored by the City and County of Denver’s Department of Public Works’ Denver Recycles program and Denver Parks and Recreation, in partnership with A1 Organics. For more information about this event and other Denver Recycles programs, please visit us at [DenverGov.org/Mulch](https://denvergov.org/Mulch) or call **311** (720-913-1311).

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Help Keep Denver Beautiful by Recycling at the “Great Denver Cleanup” on May 18th

If a cleanup around your home or neighborhood is on your spring to-do list, then you won’t want to miss out on the opportunity to participate in this year’s **Great Denver Cleanup**. This one-day event is a great opportunity to recycle, compost, and dispose of unwanted materials from your home, yard, and around your neighborhood. Just bring your unwanted items to one of **four FREE drop-off sites** located around Denver on **Saturday, May 18th** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THE GREAT DENVER CLEANUP

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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 | 9AM - 2PM
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Clear Your Clutter and Recycle it!

The following items are accepted at this one-day event, but must be sorted by type and kept separate from trash to ensure that they can be properly recycled or composted:

- ✓ **Yard Debris** – Includes clean material such as brush, branches, and leaves.
- ✓ **Large Rigid Plastics**- Includes items such as laundry baskets, large toys, play centers, kid pools, lawn furniture, 5-gallon buckets and old plastic storage tubs. **Please no coolers.** *(Note: Large rigid plastics are not accepted in your Denver Recycles purple cart, as they are too large for the normal collection and sorting process. Don't miss out on this opportunity to recycle your large rigid plastics, for free, at this event).*
- ✓ **Furniture, Box springs, and Mattresses** – These items are accepted in any condition.
- ✓ **Clothing and Shoes** – These items are accepted in any condition.
- ✓ **Cardboard** – Cardboard must be flattened. *(Note: Flattened cardboard is always accepted in Denver Recycles' purple carts and at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off).*
- ✓ **Large Pieces of Glass** -- Only glass windows, table tops, and shower doors are accepted at this event. *(Note: Regular glass bottles and jars are always accepted in Denver Recycles' purple carts and at the Cherry Creek Recycling Drop-off. Large pieces of glass, such as the materials accepted at this event are not accepted in the Denver Recycles' purple carts).*
- ✓ **Tires** – Limit of 9 tires per vehicle (State Regulation), only clean passenger tires will be accepted, no rims, no tractor or loader tires.
- ✓ **Scrap Metal** – please visit Denvergov.org/KDB or call 311 for accepted types of scrap metal.

Materials NOT accepted at this event:

- × **NO electronics** – no TV's, no computers, etc.
- × **NO batteries or light bulbs**
- × **NO household hazardous waste** - paint, chemicals, liquids etc.
- × **NO building, construction/demolition, or commercial landscape materials**

The FREE Great Denver Cleanup drop-off sites are as follows:

- North High School** (Northwest) 2960 N Speer Blvd, Denver, CO 80211

- Public Works Roslyn Facility** (Northeast) 5440 Roslyn St, Denver, CO 80216
- Public Works Central Platte Facility** (Southwest) 1271 W Bayaud Ave, Denver, CO 80223
- Public Works Cherry Creek Transfer Station** (Southeast) 7301 E Jewell Ave, Denver, CO 80231

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