



Town of Bethlehem “Full Circle” Compost & Wood Mulch Products



What is Compost?

Compost is the humus-rich material that results from the controlled decomposition of organic material. It's valuable to work into garden or potting soils, or to use as a mulch/top dressing around trees, shrubs and plants.

Why use Compost?

Gardeners and landscapers love compost because it:

- Enriches the soil with essential nutrients, including slow release micro-nutrients that are often absent from synthetic fertilizers
- Improves soil structure of both high clay and sandy soils
- Holds soil moisture, so you can water less
- Dresses up plantings and garden beds so they look their best
- Adds valuable organic matter to garden and potting soils
- Suppresses weed growth, plant diseases, and pests
- Balances soil pH; Helps prevent erosion

Bethlehem's Full Circle Compost Products: Yard waste and organic material from our community is composted sustainably at our facility into valuable products, which are then used “full circle” in local gardening and landscaping!

- **“Bethlehem's Choice” Screened Compost:** Our classic screened compost made from Bethlehem's own brush, yard waste, and leaves. The material is great for mulching or top dressing for landscaping and gardens of all types, and improves soil texture and fertility when mixed into your garden soils. It can also be spread on your lawn to improve the soil and give your grass a boost.

Available in 1/2” screened (Great versatile compost for all applications).

- **“Full Circle Food Scraps” Enhanced Screened Compost*:** Our newest product, only available in limited quantities. This is our classic screened compost with an added nutrient boost from local food scraps that were composted with the yard waste. We highly recommend this product for both vegetable and flower gardens.
- **“Garden Gold” Leaf Compost:** A compost soil amendment made exclusively from our vacuum collected leaves. Its high organic content makes it perfect for turning into your vegetable or flower gardens, or for mixing with sand or topsoil to improve garden beds. When paired with manure or another rich fertilizer, it is an excellent garden soil ingredient. Contractors often use our leaf compost as the organic matter component in topsoil production.
- **“Natural Blend” Wood Mulch:**
Our two styles of wood mulch are great for dressing up planting areas and paths, and suppressing weeds naturally.
Light Wood Mulch: Made entirely from double-ground logs and chips from our tree work. Naturally a tan color.
Dark Wood Mulch: Naturally a rich dark brown color, this wood mulch is a woodier version of our classic screened compost described above. Unlike some wood chips, which can draw nitrogen out of the soil as they decompose, this wood mulch is “mineralized” by the composting process, and does not impact soil nitrogen.

****Ask about bagged options for these products!***