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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources has been making compost from organic clean green waste material processed, at the Lamb Canyon Landfill compost facility, and will make the finished compost material available for Free.

Piles of finished compost will be available to participants that want to load their own material. Lamb Canyon has been diverting clean green organic waste from landfilling by composting onsite and is now making nutrient rich compost available for free. Guests can load the material into their vehicles using their own shovels, scoops, or buckets. Take compost home to incorporate into your garden soil or use as mulch to help hold moisture in the soil during arid hot summers. There are many benefits to using compost in your garden like enriching soil, increase moisture retention, improve drainage, suppress weeds, and improve plant health. Recycling organic material through composting reduces methane gas generated from landfills and helps reduce methane gas that contributes to Climate Change.

Free compost is available during regular business hours, Monday – Saturday 6:00 am to 4:30 pm. at Badlands Landfill, 31125 Ironwood Avenue in Moreno Valley and Lamb Canyon Landfill, 16411 Lamb Canyon Road in Beaumont. Landfills close promptly at 4:30 pm and public must complete loading their material and leave the site by 4:30 pm.

- All visitors must check in at the Gate Fee Booth/Scale House before entering the landfill.
- High-visibility safety vests and closed-toe shoes are required while visiting the landfill.
- Visitors are required to bring their own tools, such as gloves, shovels, bags, and buckets, to collect compost.
- Vehicle loads must be secured or covered in a manner which will prevent compost from falling, spilling, or blowing out while the vehicle is in motion.
- Composted material is on a first-come first-served basis until the supply is exhausted.

This Free Compost program supports Riverside County efforts to comply with SB 1383 jurisdiction requirements and reduce organic waste from being landfilled. Waste Resources Department offers a variety of FREE environmental education classes and programs related to waste reduction and sustainability. Class instructors provide attendees with professional learning and instructional materials that demonstrate environmental diversion themes such as composting, recycling, and green cleaning. These programs are offered to increase awareness of waste reduction and advantages of recycling to help preserve valuable space in county landfills..

For more information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200 or (800) 304-2226, or visit <https://rcwaste.org/community-outreach/free-compost>

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