Charleston County’s Compost Program

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Bees Ferry Compost Facility (Type II)
How did food waste program get started?

- 2009 – 2010 Waste Composition Study finds 21.7% waste is organics; food waste is 19.4%
- County proposed a 12 month food waste composting demonstration pilot
How to Increase Incoming Food Waste Tons

- Marketing
- Education
- Outreach
- Partners
Partnerships
Acceptable vs. Not Acceptable Items Flyer

- Website page includes links to additional resources
- FAQs
- Signage
Marketing

- Press Releases
- Updated Dept Website
- Program Flyer
- Direct Mail to all Charleston restaurants
- Print & Radio Advertisements
- Promoted the sale of finished compost at Bees Ferry
  - $2/bag (1.5 cubic ft.)
  - $10/ton
Outreach

- Special Events
- Hauler training workshops
- On-site technical support for generators
  - Container sizing education
  - Employee training
  - Acceptable materials
Finished Compost

Bulk Compost Only $10 Per Ton
Large Quantities Available Now

Premium Commercial Grade Compost Processed from Yard Debris and Commerical Food Waste

Benefits & Uses:
Erosion Control • Soil Amendment • Encourages Root Growth • Reduced Soil Compaction • Increased Nutrients • Reduced Need for Fertilizers • Turf Topdress • Water Conservation

Buy Award Winning Compost!
Harvey Gibson, Compost Superintendent • phone (843) 670-8294
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Charleston County’s compost has been deemed suitable for use in organic farming by Clemson University. Currently, Charleston County is the only producer in SC to have this certification.

Lab results available upon request.

Charleston County Compost

US Composting Council
Seal of Testing Assurance

CERTIFIED
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2014 USCC
Composting Program of the Year

Charleston County: Now delivering compost.
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