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**Solid Waste Authority Reminds Residents of its Compost for Purchase**

With the arrival of warm weather, it is time to start thinking about gardening and planting. The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (the Authority) wants to remind residents that its Compost is available for sale.

The Authority produces high quality compost from municipal yard waste generated in the two-County area. Its finished compost is made entirely from processed brush, leaves and grass clippings and is fully cured and screened to 1/2". Compost alone is not a fertilizer and should be used as a soil additive to develop or improve moisture retention and add important organic matter. Compost worked into clay or sandy soils improves texture, helps with compaction and aerates the soil, thereby facilitating grass and turf root development. It can also be used as a substitute for landscaping mulch or peat moss.

The Authority's compost has been certified by the US Composting Council under its Seal of Testing Assurance Program as consistent, high-quality compost. This means the Authority's compost has been tested by third party laboratories to ensure that it meets all state and federal requirements.

The Authority's compost is available for purchase in bags or by bulk.

**Bagged Price:** \$2 each, or 3 for \$5, available at the Authority's Utica Convenience Station (80 Leland Avenue Ext.) and Rome Convenience Station (575 Perimeter Road). *Each bag weighs about 45 pounds and contains 1.2 cubic feet of compost.*

**Pick-Up Truck Price:** \$15.00 per pick-up truck, \$20.00 per large pick-up truck loaded at the Authority's Utica or Rome Convenience Stations.

**Bulk Price:** \$15.00 per cubic yard loaded in your dump truck at the Utica Facility only.

For more information regarding the Authority's Compost or composting at home, please visit [www.ohswa.org](http://www.ohswa.org) or call 733-1224.

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