




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	July 29, 2025
SUBJECT:	2025 Spring Community Compost Giveaway Events (WM2503) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY: SIGNATURE:	Angela Storey Director, Waste Management Public Works Department 

This Communication Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of Council of the success of the 2025 City of Hamilton Spring Community Compost Giveaway Events.

Background

In a typical year, the City of Hamilton (City) hosts several Community Compost Giveaway Events (Event) in the spring and fall in appreciation of residents participating in the City's Leaf and Yard Waste program. Residents are asked to bring shovels, containers, and elbow grease to dig their own compost to assist with their seasonal gardening. While attending the Event, residents are also welcome to provide a monetary donation in Support of the United Way Halton & Hamilton.

Event Details and Accomplishments

Due to successes observed in 2024, staff determined that there was a need to expand the events to include multiple weekday events. The 2025 spring events were held at Turner Park, 344 Rymal Road East, Joe Sam's Leisure Park, 752 Centre Road, and Bayfront Park, at 200 Harbourfront Drive.

These events were extremely well attended by residents, with 11,613 cars visiting the various sites, and 1,561 tonnes of compost given away. Table 1 below shows the

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quantity of compost given away and the approximate number of cars that attended each of these events. The compost delivered to Turner Park was topped up on a regular basis to ensure that any resident who attended during the operating hours would receive compost. Following the final day at Turner Park there was approximately 25 tonnes left over which was used in a local Community Garden. There was no compost left at Joe Sam's or Bayfront Park.

Table 1 – Location, Date, Time, Car Count and Quantity of Compost Collected

Event Location	Date	Time	Car Count	Quantity of Compost (tonnes)
Turner Park	April 23, 2025	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	725	666.6
	April 24, 2025	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	923	
	April 26, 2025	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	1,785	317.5
	April 29, 2025	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	1,105	
	May 3, 2025	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	1,650	
	May 7, 2025	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	925	
	May 10, 2025	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	2,325	426.2
	May 13, 2025	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	650	
	May 14, 2025	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	675	
Joe Sam's	April 26, 2025	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	475	86.4
Bayfront	May 5, 2025	10:00 am- 7:00 pm	375	64.2
	May 6, 2025	Not staffed	Not staffed	
	May 7, 2025	Not staffed	Not staffed	
Totals			11,613	1,560.9

Community Gardens

In addition to the compost that was provided to residents during the events, so far in 2025, 96.5 tonnes of compost have been distributed to over 10 Community Gardens throughout the City.

Donation to the United Way

The United Way collected \$1,854.50 during the Spring Compost Giveaway Events. The funds collected go into the Special Events Funds and are used to support “All That Kids Can Be”, “Healthy People, Strong People” and “From Poverty to Possibility” Programs. All donations collected stay in Hamilton to support local Programs.

Planning for the 2025 Fall Community Compost Giveaway Events

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The Fall Community Compost Giveaway Event dates and locations will be announced in August 2025. For these events, staff are once again looking to utilize multiple locations that will reach several areas throughout the City.

If you require more information please contact Rob Conley, Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal, at Rob.Conley@hamilton.ca or extension 7296.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

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