

# Communication Update


**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**Committee Date:** June 10, 2026

**Subject/Report No.:** 2026 Spring Compost Giveaways And Textile Donation Event (WM2603)

**Ward(s) Affected:** City Wide

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## Summary

This Communication Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of Council of the successes of both the 2026 City of Hamilton Spring Community Compost Giveaway Events and the 2026 Spring Textile Event.

## Background

The City's Waste Management Division has been holding spring and fall Compost Giveaways for many years, giving back finished compost to residents in appreciation for participating in the City's yard waste collection program. Residents bring shovels, containers, and elbow grease to dig their own compost to assist with their seasonal gardening.

2026 marks the second year that the City's Waste Management Division has held a textile donation event. In 2025, the textile donation event was held at the Kenora Community Recycling Centre and in May 2026, the event was held at the Dundas Community Recycling Centre.

Both the compost giveaway events and the textile donation event were well received by the public and there is a clear appetite to continue offering these events.

## Details

### Compost Giveaway Events

Building on some changes implemented in 2025, the City continued to hold multiple weekday compost giveaway events in addition to the standard Saturday dates. Once again, to try and hold the events in multiple locations across the City, this years' events were held at Turner Park (344 Rymal Road East), Joe Sams Leisure Park (752 Centre Road) and Bayfront Park (200 Harbourfront Drive).

Hamilton residents were extremely happy with the availability of compost during the week. All sites had a consistent flow of residents collecting compost in small containers, pickup trucks, and small trailers. The events were well attended by residents, with approximately 13,905 cars visiting the various sites, and 1,142.9 tonnes of compost given away as summarized in Table 1. There was no compost remaining at the conclusion of the events.

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

Event Location	Date	Time	Car Count	Quantity of Compost (tonnes)
<b>Turner Park</b>	April 23, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	1100	467.5
	April 24, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	1250	
	April 25, 2026	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	950	
	April 30, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	1105	210.5
	May 1, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	1400	
	May 2, 2026	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	1350	
	May 7, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	1500	266.8
	May 8, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	1250	97.5
	May 9, 2026	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	1625	
	May 11, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	850	
	May 12, 2026	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	675	
	<b>Joe Sam's</b>	April 25, 2026	7:00 am - 12:00 pm	475
<b>Bayfront</b>	April 27, 2026	11:00 am- 7:00 pm	375	49.1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>13,905</b>	<b>1,142.9</b>

## Textile Donation Event

Building on the success of the inaugural textile donation event in 2025, Staff were pleased to once again partner with the Salvation Army to hold an event in 2026 at the Dundas Community Recycling Centre on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. To promote the event, staff communicated to residents through social media, signs at the Dundas Community Recycling Centre, and posters at Municipal Service Centres. The event resulted in more cars and more textiles being donated, keeping them out of the City's landfill. Residents have stated that they appreciate the events and hope for more events to come. Table 2 provides comparative details on the 2025 to 2026 events.

Table 2: Comparison of Textile Events

	2025	2026
<b>Location</b>	Kenora Community Recycling Centre	Dundas Community Recycling Centre
<b>Cars</b>	100	165
<b>Quantity of Textiles Collected</b>	1,900 kgs	2,267 kgs

## Next Steps

Waste Management Staff will be holding Fall Compost Giveaway Days the first weekend in October 2026. Dates and locations to be communicated in advance of the events. Given the success of the first two textile donation events, Staff will consider options for holding more events or the ability for a more permanent option for textile bins.

## Appendices and Schedules Attached

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