




# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	June 2, 2022
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	2022 Spring Community Compost Giveaway Events (WM22002) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Angela Storey Director, Waste Management Public Works Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

This Communication Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of Council of the successes of the 2022 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.

## 2022 Spring Community Compost Giveaway Event

The spring Events were held at Turner Park, 344 Rymal Road E., from 7:00 am to 12:00 am on April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Like the fall 2021 Event, this location was selected because there is enough space to ensure that all residents and staff were physically distanced by a minimum of two metres.

These events were well attended by residents. Table 1 below shows the quantity of compost given away and approximate number of cars that attended these events.

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Table 1

Event Date	Quantity (tonnes)	Car Count
April 30, 2022	173.7	1,375
May 7, 2022	234.6	1,535
May 14, 2022	146.1	1,700
Total	554.4	4,610

### Community Gardens

In addition to the compost that was provided to residents during the events, so far in 2022, 174.5 tonnes of compost has been distributed to 12 Community Gardens throughout the City.

### Donations

During the Events, staff partnered with Hamilton Food Share to collect both online monetary and food donations. As a result, \$220.00 was collected through the online portal and approximately 750 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected over the course of the 3 Events.

### 2022 Fall Community Compost Giveaway Events

The Fall Community Compost Giveaway Event dates and locations will be announced in August 2022. For these events, staff plan to return to the pre COVID-19 model where Community Compost Giveaway Events are located at multiple locations throughout the City.

If you require more information please contact Joel McCormick, Acting Manager of Recycling and Waste Disposal, at extension 4770.

### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Not applicable