

# Sonoma Compost Company

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## Green your garden with quality organic soil amendments

**W**e often hear nowadays about companies looking for ways to "go green." But, for Sonoma Compost Company (SCC), working cooperatively with the earth isn't a new idea but at the core of what it does.

For 25 years, SCC's mission has been to transform local yard trimmings and agricultural discards into rich composts and mulches that area farmers, gardeners, landscapers, and others use to improve their land's productivity and vitality.

The company's customers often rave that it's products, for instance, "magically turned [their] hard ground into wonderful rich soil," gave them "a green thumb," and made this "the best gardening season ever." Composts nurture soil by improving structure, providing nutrients, conserving water, reducing erosion, and increasing microbial activity.

Even better, SCC diverts more waste each year from the landfill than any other Sonoma County recycling service. Since 1993, it's made use of an incredible 1.2 million tons of discarded material,



Sonoma Compost Company is helping to keep our county "green."

vitality contributing to the County's diversion mandates and trimming the financial and ecological costs of hauling our

garbage to out-of-county landfills.

"We've made a resource out of something that used to be thrown away," says

co-owner Will Bakx. Co-owner Alan Siegle adds, "We were a green business before anyone even knew what one was."

The company's staff can help determine the best product for one's objectives, from creating a great veggie garden (to save money on quality food) to improving one's landscape (thus beautifying and increasing one's property's value).

For instance, shrubs and trees appreciate the original Sonoma Compost cultivated into their roots. Vegetables and flowers get a boost from the added nitrogen in Hi-Test Compost. Heavy clay soils are lightened with the rice hulls in Mulchard Plus. Raised beds can be filled and soil levels increased with Feather-Lite Amended Soil. Plus SCC's Vineyard Mulch is an affordable alternative to expensive bark mulches. All these materials are allowed on organic farms, helping reduce chemical use.

By using these nourishing local eco-products (available at SCC's County landfill location or by delivery), we can all play a role in greening our culture and our world.