

News and information for Fremont residents...from your friends at Allied Waste

Compost Giveaway moves to new location

The City of Fremont, Allied Waste and the Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station will host the 15th Annual Compost Giveaway on Sunday, March 28.

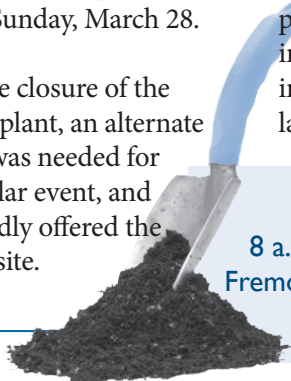
Due to the closure of the NUMMI plant, an alternate location was needed for this popular event, and FRTS kindly offered the use of its site.

The Compost Giveaway is a “thank you” for Fremont residents who participate in curbside yard waste and food scraps recycling. When you place these organic materials in your green cart, it is turned into nutrient-rich compost for lawns and gardens.

To receive two free bags of compost*, bring your January, February or March Allied Waste bill as proof of program participation.

We are saddened by the closure of the NUMMI plant and want to recognize the company’s contribution to this event for the past several years.

**while supplies last*



Compost Giveaway

8 a.m. - noon* • Sunday, March 28

Fremont Recycling and Transfer Station
41149 Boyce Road

When good food goes bad...**compost it**

In Fremont, 35 percent of residential trash is food and just 1 percent is yard waste. That means you are doing an excellent job of putting leaves and grass clippings into your green cart. But when it comes to food scraps, we have room for improvement.

Here are three good reasons for composting food scraps:

1) The less food that goes down your garbage disposal, the less likely you are to get clogged pipes.

2) Compost serves many beneficial purposes in agriculture and landscaping. Food that is tossed in the garbage takes up landfill space and creates pollution.

3) Putting food scraps in your green cart can be as easy as throwing them in the trash.

Allied provides free food scrap pails for customers with organics/yard waste service. The pails are convenient for

collecting food until you are ready to empty it into your green cart.

Most customers prefer to line these pails with newspaper, paper bags, or biodegradable bags to make disposal and cleanup easier and less messy.

In Fremont, you can buy

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Holiday collection schedule:

There will be no holiday changes to your collection schedule until Thanksgiving, Nov. 25–26

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Good food goes bad *continued from front*

3-gallon biodegradable liners for your kitchen pail at:

- **Dale Hardware**, 37100 Post St.
- **Kate's Caring Gifts**, 45953 Warm Springs Blvd., Suite 2.

There are also numerous places to buy biodegradable liners online. Visit the City's Environmental Services web page at www.fremont.gov/environment to find out more.

Look for the US Composting Council logo to verify that a plastic product is certified as compostable.



US Composting Council

Please remember that regular plastic bags are not compostable. If you use them to line your kitchen pail, it's important to toss the bag into your trash cart after you have emptied the food waste into your green cart.

Fremont Earth Day Family Fair

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 24
Central Park's Teen Center
39770 Paseo Padre Pkwy.
off of Sailway Dr.

Other Earth Day activities include a creek cleanup at Central Park. Volunteers should meet at the Boat House, 40000 Paseo Padre Parkway, at 9 a.m. For more information visit www.fremont.gov/Environment or call the Environmental Services Division at (510) 494-4570.

2010 Census: It's safe. It's easy. It's important.

Census questionnaires will be mailed to households in mid-March. The City expects to receive \$3,000 for each resident counted in the census. The money helps to

fund schools and community services.

Please complete and return your questionnaire by April 1 to ensure Fremont resi-

dents get all the benefits to which we are entitled. For more information, **visit www.fremont.gov/census** or call **(510) 284-4013**.

Contact Allied Waste

For information or assistance, visit www.AlliedWasteAC.com 24 hours a day. To speak to a Customer Service representative immediately, call (510) 657-3500 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



RECYCLING STATS

Between September 1994 and December 2009, Fremont residents recycled **305,763 tons** of metal, glass, paper and plastics. They also composted **391,595 tons** of yard waste and food scraps. That's **1.39 billion pounds** of material kept out of landfills, **enough to fill 69,736 Allied Waste recycling trucks**.