

How Do You Know It's Good Compost?

Compost products vary widely based on the materials they're made from and the processes used to compost them.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rates Rancho Las Virgenes (RLV) Community Compost with the highest possible quality rating:

Class A (EQ) = Exceptional Quality

This means there are no restrictions on how much can be applied as long as the compost meets the plant needs.

RLV Community Compost is a very consistent product due to its processing. To validate this, RLV Community Compost is enrolled in The U.S. Composting Council's rigorous Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) Program which requires routine analytical testing to ensure conformance with standards.



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Information and specifications:
www.compostingcouncil.org



Community Compost

... a nutrient rich soil amendment made with recycled organic biosolids.



Rancho Las Virgenes (RLV) Community Compost is a blend of dewatered, "Class A", "Exceptional Quality"¹ biosolids and recycled woodchips. Its excellent organic soil conditioning properties aid water retention in light soils and break up and aerate heavier soils, so less watering is needed. No greenwaste materials are used, therefore RLV Community Compost is free of plant diseases and herbicides.

RLV Community Compost contains both readily available and long-term, slow release nutrients for greener plants:

Total Nitrogen (N)	2.2%
Available (inorganic Nitrate & Ammonia)	0.3%
Slow Release Organic N	1.9%
Phosphorous (P ₂ O ₅)	2.4%
Potassium (K ₂ O)	0.2%
C/N Ratio	20
pH	7.4

Nutrient Analysis ~ 2009

Use RLV Community Compost in a manner similar to steer manure compost or organic fertilizers. It is better to enrich soil gradually with repeated light applications than all at once with a heavy application. RLV Community Compost can be used as a thin mulch on the surface of planters, vegetable gardens, or lawns, or worked into the soil with tillage. The compost should be mixed 1 part compost with 3 parts soil prior to use.

As with any fertilizer product, do not over water such that the RLV Community Compost or run-off goes into the street and stormwater system.

As with all gardening products, use common sense and good hygiene when handling RLV Community Compost. Wash your hands after use.

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¹"Exceptional Quality" is the highest EPA grade possible and indicates the compost does not contain heavy metals.