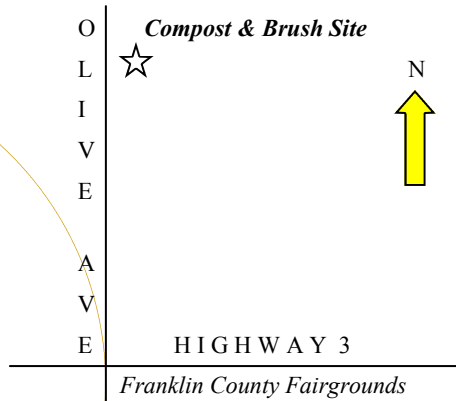


## HAMPTON COMPOST & BRUSH SITE

The Hampton Compost & Brush Site was established in the fall of 1993. Since this facility started operations, there have been many improvements along the way. In 2007, the City of Hampton was able to make great strides, with the help of the IDNR, with the purchase of a compost turner, utilizing grant funding from the IDNR Solid Waste Alternatives Program. For a number of years, the City composted yard waste by utilizing a front end loader to create windrows and producing a crude finished product. At the end of each year, the City had a large amount of leftover product and was burdened with the expense of hauling it from the site. In 2007, the City hired a company from Delhi, Iowa, to grind and screen the compost, followed by the purchase of a compost turner to aerate the product, resulting in a finished compost that proved to be more widely accepted by the citizens of Hampton. At the end of the 2007 composting season, the site ran out of compost; a success story that remains a reality for years to come. A portion of City of Hampton monthly utility bills supports the operation of the facility, including 2-3 seasonal part-time employees for maintenance of the site, with occasional assistance from full-time staff. The facility is typically open from the last weekend of March through the first weekend of December, scheduled for specific days and time frames and subject to weather conditions. The City notifies the local radio station for broadcast of schedule changes, and a bulletin board at the site provides schedule info, as well as current rules & regulations of the facility in accordance with IDNR requirements and enforced by the City of Hampton.

**Finished compost is available for pick up free of charge to citizens residing within the corporate city limits on a first come/first serve basis during scheduled site hours.** The Street Department will deliver larger quantities of compost to Hampton residents by appointment only (641-456-4372) for a scheduled fee.



**FEES:** The Compost and Brush Site is available to residents living within the Hampton city limits at no additional charge beyond the monthly \$.50 fee assessed to water bills. Those hauling items to the site from **outside the city limits** must pay fees to use the site. Fees are payable at the gate according to the fee schedule below, or by purchasing a **Punch Card** at City Hall (Monday - Friday, 8 am-5 pm), or after hours at the Police Department (17 2nd St NW). A Punch Card is the most economical and costs **\$30.00** with ten punches. Fees are based according to the vehicle used to haul the items to the site:

- Car/SUV/Van - 1 Punch or \$5.00**
- Pickup Truck - 2 Punches or \$10.00**
- Dump Truck or Trailer - 3 Punches or \$15.00**

### CITY OF HAMPTON

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**HAMPTON COMPOST & BRUSH SITE**

## COMPOST & BRUSH SITE

ESTABLISHED FALL 1993

**1399 Olive Avenue**  
**Hampton, Iowa**



### SCHEDULED HOURS

(Unless Raining or Temperatures below 34 Degrees)

#### SPRING/SUMMER    AUTUMN

Mondays	8 am-6:30 pm	8 am-5 pm
Tuesdays	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesdays	2 pm-6:30 pm	2 pm-5 pm
Thursdays	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fridays	2 pm-6:30 pm	2 pm-5 pm
Saturdays	8 am-6:30 pm	8 am-5 pm

Site typically opens the last weekend of March & closes for the season the first weekend of December. Autumn hours influenced by daylight savings time.

**Listen to KLMJ Radio for schedule changes or contact Hampton City Hall at 456-4853.**

## COMPOSTING INFORMATION

United States E.P.A. Website - [www.epa.gov/compost/](http://www.epa.gov/compost/)

Compost is organic material that can be used as a soil amendment or as a medium to grow plants. Mature compost is a stable material with a content called humus that is dark brown or black and has a soil-like, earthy smell. It is created by: combining organic wastes (e.g., yard trimmings, food wastes, manures) in proper ratios into piles, rows, or vessels; adding bulking agents (e.g., wood chips) as necessary to accelerate the breakdown of organic materials; and allowing the finished material to fully stabilize and mature through a curing process.

Natural composting, or biological decomposition, began with the first plants on earth and has been going on ever since. As vegetation falls to the ground, it slowly decays, providing minerals and nutrients needed for plants, animals, and micro-organisms. Mature compost, however, includes the production of high temperatures to destroy pathogens and weed seeds that natural decomposition does not destroy.

### Did You Know That Compost Can...

- Suppress plant diseases and pests.
- Reduce or eliminate the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Promote higher yields of agricultural crops.
- Facilitate reforestation, wetlands restoration, and habitat revitalization efforts by amending contaminated, compacted, and marginal soils.
- Cost-effectively remediate soils contaminated by hazardous waste.
- Remove solids, oil, grease, and heavy metals from stormwater runoff.
- Capture and destroy 99.6 percent of industrial volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) in contaminated air.
- Provide cost savings of at least 50 percent over conventional soil, water, and air pollution remediation technologies, where applicable.

## ORGANIC MATERIALS

Yard trimmings and food residuals together constitute 23 percent of the U.S. waste stream, as documented by EPA. An estimated 56.9% of yard trimmings were recovered for composting or grasscycled in 2000, a dramatic increase from the 12% recovery rate in 1990. Accompanying this surge in yard waste recovery is a composting industry that has grown from less than 1,000 facilities in 1988 to nearly 3,800 in 2000. Once dominated by public sector operations, the composting industry is increasingly entrepreneurial and private-sector driven, led by firms that add value to compost products through processing and marketing. Compost prices have been as high as \$26 per ton for landscape mulch to more than \$100 per ton for high-grade compost, which is bagged and sold at the retail level.

While yard trimmings recovery typically involves leaf compost and mulch, yard trimmings can also be combined with other organic waste, such as food residuals, animal manure, and biosolids to produce a variety of products with slightly different chemical and physical characteristics. In contrast to yard trimmings recovery, only 2.6% of food waste was composted in 2000. The cost-prohibitive nature of residential food waste separation and collection is the primary deterrent to expanding food waste recovery efforts. Yet in many communities, edible food residuals are donated to the needy, while inedible food residuals are blended into compost or reprocessed into animal feed. In some areas, composting operations are working with high-volume commercial and institutional food producers to recover their food byproducts, saving these firms significant disposal costs. For more information on organic materials, visit our [Organic Materials](#) Web site. **NOTE:** Finished compost can be applied to lawns and gardens to help condition the soil and replenish nutrients. Compost, however, should not be used as potting soil for houseplants because of the presence of weed and grass seeds.

## CITY OF HAMPTON

### COMPOST & BRUSH SITE REGULATIONS

#### **ALLOWED ITEMS:**

Leaves & Grass Clippings  
Garden Refuse  
Tree Limbs/Branches\*  
Tree Logs (18" maximum diameter)\*

\*Branches thicker than the size of a pencil should be placed in the [brush pile](#).

#### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

Garbage  
Processed Food Items (includes canned/frozen)  
Plastic (plastic bags for hauling must be removed by customer)  
Paper or Cardboard  
Lumber  
Furniture  
Tires  
Cement  
Metal

**NO SMOKING PERMITTED** beyond the gate entrance.  
**No** Exceptions.

Compost & Brush Site attendant will monitor compliance with the above regulations. Vehicle license plate, name of customer, items hauled to the site and location from which items have been hauled will be documented for each load brought to the site by the public. Unloading of items is the responsibility of the customer. Customer cooperation with compliance of site regulations is greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**



**SITE IS UNAVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE  
WHEN IT IS SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED**