



FROM YOUR YARD TO A USABLE PRODUCT

Ever wonder what happens to your yard trash? It is important that we reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. To help minimize what we send, and to help the environment, the City processes tree trimmings, leaves and other yard waste into a high-quality mulch product, The Public Works Department (CH2M HILL –OMI) operates a mulching facility at JV Road here in the county. This facility recycles curb-side collected yard waste from Hinesville residents into mulch. This product is used by countless citizens to enhance their lawns and flower gardens throughout the city and county and the best news of all it's FREE to the community!



What is Mulch?

Mulch is an organic material that is used as a ground cover to reduce evaporation, provide ground cooling, and protect seedlings. It can also be used as a soil amendment to improve the texture, the air permeability and the water retention properties of soil. **Compost (not yet available)** is a natural, organic soil amendment made by decomposing organic matter, returns the nutrients in vegetation to the soil, without using inorganic materials or harsh chemicals. Using compost improves the texture, the air permeability, and nutrient retention properties of soil.

How The Facility Works?

The City's collection trucks take the yard wastes collected from around the City to the JV Road site. Only green materials are processed at the facility, no bio-solids or animal-waste is used. After the green materials are brought to the recycling area it is stock piled at a picking station where staff removes (hand picked) non-organic materials. The cleaned material is then again stock piled for later mulching. Once a year, the City brings in mulching equipment. A loader transports the collected yard trimmings into a grinder to reduce it in size to mostly 2 inches or less. The trimmings are then placed in rows to start the decomposition process. These rows, called windrows, are each approximately 20 feet wide, 8 feet high, and 200 feet long. Once placed into windrows, material will compost and cure. This compost is then ground and screened, and then is available for use (the finish product).



Stockpile of Yard Waste



Tub Grinder



Windrows Of Compost



Screening



The Final Product

So, How Can I Get It?

The J V Road Mulching Facility is open Monday thru Friday between 7:30am and 3:30pm. In addition, for your convenience, there is a stockpile of compost located at the Public Works Office (613 E. G. Miles Pkwy) here in Hinesville.