



Albuquerque Soil and Mulch Resources

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If you have questions about these resources contact Mallory Garcia, the APS School Garden Coordinator, at mallory.garcia@foodcorps.org OR 505-855-5275

APS M&O (Maintenance and Operations)—Compost

APS M&O is responsible for the APS physical plant. The mission of the department is to provide the highest quality district facilities and operations to enhance the environment for teaching and learning, and to provide for safe, clean, comfortable, attractive, and functional facilities throughout the school district.

- M&O can **provide free soil & compost mix** (good for garden beds) from the city and deliver it to your site.
 - Put in a work order through your main office for the amount of compost you'd like (in cubic yards). The work order should be for the M&O landscaping department. Please include contact information for the person requesting the compost.
- M&O can **pick up and deliver compost or other products (soil, mulch, etc) from non-APS suppliers** like Soilutions.
 - Once you have paid and ordered your product, put in a work order through your main office for the landscaping department. In the work order include your contact info, where you purchased from, how much product you ordered, and a PO# from the supplier.
 - For example – Mallory Garcia (cell phone #) purchased 3 cubic yards of topsoil from Soilutions.
 - For questions with compost pickup, email Philo Ramirez (Heavy Equipment Supervisor) (Ramirez_ph@aps.edu)
- M&O can also support your garden by:
 - **Conducting a site visit** to assess potential garden plan and recommend appropriate garden site. Email Benny Baca (baca_be@aps.edu, Landscape Supervisor) & Leonard Mendoza (leonard.mendoza@aps.edu, Irrigation)
 - **Checking your site** to mark underground water pipes, electrical cables or gas mains before digging begins. Call Joseph Kolozy (865-5950, ext 200)
 - **Advising on irrigation issues** (M&O will only repair existing systems. Note: They will not install new irrigation systems). Email Leonard C. Mendoza: leonard.mendoza@aps.edu (Irrigation)

Soilutions - Compost, Potting Soil, Mulch

- Premium compost \$48/cu yard, Topsoil blend \$51/cu yard, Mulch \$25-51/cu yard. (These are listed prices but discounts are given to APS.)

- [This website](#) lists all product prices and details.
- Delivery is available (3 cu yd minimum). Call Soilutions (877-0220) for pricing. If APS school, see delivery instructions above.
- For more assistance, call Soilutions, their employees are very helpful with advising on what type of product is needed for your garden.

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority - Compost

- Certified biosolids compost, typically comprising 50% animal stable bedding, 30% biosolids (sewage sludge) and 20% green waste (pulverized yard trimmings), by volume. Available for purchase at \$25.00/ton (~\$10/yd³ at 2.5 yd³/ton) for screened material and at \$18.75/ton (~\$7.50/yd³ at 2.5 yd³/ton) for unscreened material, plus applicable taxes.
- Due to the possibility of small amounts of pharmaceutical byproduct that could be in this product we recommend it for ornamental and xeriscaped plants but not vegetables.
- http://www.abcwua.org/Compost_Request.aspx OR call 836-8842

Baca's Trees – Free Wood Chips

- Call them (899-6666) to get on their list and they will call you when they have available chips.