

Recommended application rates for compost from the Composting Counsel, 1994. (SKB Environmental, 1998)

Type of Application	Use	Recommended Usage Rates (approx.)
Homeowners	Common landscape & garden uses	1 inch application or 20% by volume
Sports turf	Construction mixes for golf courses	5 - 20% by volume depending on application
Sports turf	Topdressing mixes	5 - 20% by volume for golf courses; up to 100% for fields after aeration
Landscapers	New turf establishment	1 - 2 inches tilled to a depth of 5 inches
Landscapers	Turf renovation and topdressing	1/8 to 1/2 inch top dressed after aeration
Landscapers	Planting bed preparation	1 - 2 inches tilled into raised beds
Landscapers	Mulching	2 - 3 inches evenly applied
Landscapers	Backfill for tree planting	30% by volume
Nurseries	Field application as a soil amendment	1 - 2 inches incorporated 5 inches deep
Nurseries	Band application for shade trees	2 inches applied in two foot bands
Nurseries	Liner beds incorporated	1 - 2 inches incorporated pre-planting
Nurseries	Liner beds mulched	1 - 2 inches mulched post planting
Nurseries	Container mixes	5 - 40% by volume depending on plant type
Topsoil Blenders	Soil amendment for many blends	10 - 50% by volume for blends
Roadside	New seed establishment Upgrading of soil	1 inch disked to a depth of 4 inches
Roadside	Erosion control	1 - 2 inches as a coarse mulch
Roadside	Mulch for tree plantings	2 - 3 inches applied evenly
Roadside	Planting beds at rest stops or interchanges	1 - 2 inches tilled into raised beds
Landfills	Daily cover	used to replace soil
Landfills	Vegetation establishment during closure	1 inch disked into soil
Silviculture	Seedling establishment	1 - 2 inches disked where possible
Silviculture	Mulch	1 - 2 inches evenly applied
Agriculture	General field soil amendment	1/4 - 1 inch incorporated
Agriculture	Specialty crop production	1/4 - 2 inches incorporated or as a mulch