Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS)



DADS ORGANICS

WM of Colorado is closing the loop on organics recycling by transforming locally-sourced landscape waste and food scraps into soil-enhancing compost and mulch products. Dedicated composting operations at the Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS) follow rigorous process controls and product testing to ensure a stable, mature compost for residential and commercial use.





Organics Sourcing

WM accepts source separated yard debris and food scraps from select vendors for our organics recycling program. Yard waste materials include landscape material, tree and shrubbery trimmings, vines, grass clippings and leaves.

Organics Collection

WM offers organics collection and recycling services to a growing list of customers including area restaurants, grocery stores, landscaping contractors and others.

Compost Certification

DADS compost is regularly sampled and tested to meet all CDPHE standards and is Certified under the Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) from the U.S. Compositing Council for distribution and sale.

Organics Recycling Education

WM offers educational programs to help our customers effectively source separate organics to achieve their sustainability goals.

DADS

3500 South Gun Club Road
Aurora, CO 80018
720 876 2620 or 720 977 2102

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon. – Fri.: 6 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sat.: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Major Holidays

FOR MORE INFORMATION

wmsolutions.com

COMPOST OPERATIONS

- Began - 2010
- Expansion - 2023 / 2025

COMPOST ACREAGE

43.4 acres

COMPOSTING CAPACITY

100,000 tons permitted annually

ORGANIC FEEDSTOCK PROCESSED

- **2025** - 35,000 tons (est)
- **2024** - 18,940 tons
- **2023** - 15,225 tons
- **Previously** - <10,000 tons

COMPOST DESIGNATION

DADS Compost® is an approved Soil Amendment Product for Denver Water Projects.

COMPOST OPERATOR

Waste Management Disposal Services of Colorado

PERMIT TYPE

Certificate of Designation issued by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners Solid Waste

REGULATORY AGENCIES

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Tri-County Health Department

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About DADS Organics Recycling Facility

Compost operations at DADS utilizes the Aerated Windrow Composting Method, which maintains excellent processing parameters such as pathogen kill, moisture control, heat control, processing turnover time, as compared to other composting systems. Three active windrow pads are separated by facility roadways. Each windrow pad features its own recipe and feedstock ratio.

The current design of the facility incorporates mixed feedstock processing zones, a public tipping area, finished product storage, a staged screening area, and a moisture content field testing station. These zones will be relocated and reoriented over the course of ongoing facility upgrades.

The design was implemented and optimized to mitigate double handling of material, proliferate field processing times, and prioritize customer and operator safety.



Accepted Materials

Materials currently accepted at DADS ORF are as follows:

- All food wastes (baked goods, breads, meat and bones, seafood, vegetable scraps, dairy products)
- All yard debris (flowers, grass clippings, houseplants, leaves, plant trimmings, small branches (no larger than 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter), and weeds
- Compost Manufacturers Alliance approved 3-gallon bags.
- Paper yard waste bags during high yard waste seasons (April-June and September-November).

(Left) To maintain windrow moisture content between 55-65 percent, Cadman hose reels spray water over compost process to boost microbial activityinto the active composting phase

DADS Recycled Landscape Materials

Landscape materials recycled by WM of Colorado at DADS are available for purchase by the public.

To self-load and purchase materials, customers should visit DADS and stop at the scalehouse for a map and directions to the recycled materials area.

Recycled Materials Available at DADS for Purchase



CRUSHED CONCRETE (CLASS 6)

$23 per cubic yard, plus tax



CRUSHED ASPHALT (3/4 INCH)

$35 per cubic yard, plus tax



DIRT

$9 per cubic yard, plus tax



COMPOST (SCREENED)

$26 per cubic yard, plus tax