



Soil Ammendment Source List

Material	where to get	approximate cost	good	bad
bagged compost	garden center and landscape supply	\$5.00	easy to find and transport	expensive, hard to get enough to make a difference
bulk compost	landscape supply	\$30/yard	great way to get lots of compost for a quick start, they load it	May include a high proportion of redwood compost which contains a natural growth inhibitor. Requires a truck to get lots
horse manure	stables	free	sometimes have a front loader	may add salts to soil, may need to be composted first
mushroom compost	mushroom farms	?	already composted horse manure, will load for a small fee	may contain fungicides and herbicide residue
chicken manure	egg ranch, garden center, raise chickens	\$4 per 1 cubic foot bag	good for manure tea, good nitrogen source for compost pile	must be composted first or will cause nitrogen burn in plants
steer manure	garden center and landscape supply	\$3 per 1 cubic foot bag	already composted and bagged, transportable	may contain salts
rabbit, alpaca or llama manure	find some bunnies	free	great stuff, does not burn, plant 3 weeks after digging into soil	hard to find
worm composting	classes at ecology action	\$37.00	great for small yards, apartments	hard to get enough to make a difference
https://ecologyactioncenter.org/events/vermicompost-workshop/				
various	craigslist, om exchange, coffee shops	usually free	depends	not sure what you're getting til you see it
http://www.omexchange.org/				
municipal compost	Monterey waste	\$30/yard	cooked hot, low cost	May have inorganic trash bits
http://www.mrwmd.org/programs-services/compost/				
municipal compost	Santa Cruz waste	\$30/yard	cooked hot, will deliver	May have inorganic trash bits
http://www.visionrecycling.com/information/frequently-asked-questions				
coffee grounds	cafes	free	makes a lovely mulch, compost addition or dig right into soil	one bucket at a time
kitchen produce / food waste	home or grocery stores	free	green waste addition to compost, great food for chickens or rabbits, diverts land fill, free	have to collect it one bag at a time
yard waste	weeds & plants in your own back yard	free	All around us: lawn clippings, harvested crop waste, leaves, weeds	NEVER use weeds that have gone to seed or have sprouting roots like bermuda grass
seaweed	the beach	free	full of interesting micronutrients	MUST be well rinsed and composted to remove salts