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# BULK LOADING COMPOST NOW AVAILABLE MONDAY – FRIDAY FOR A LIMITED TIME

*The Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility has a surplus of high-quality compost available for temporary Bulk Pickup, Monday – Friday for interested individuals until supplies run out.*

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#### For Immediate Release

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**CALABASAS, CA** – For a limited time, the Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is offering free bulk loading of compost Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility.

“Our customers have always had great enthusiasm for our Community Compost program, so we created an on-line reservation system to add physical distancing practices to the program to safely manage public safety during the pandemic. Our goal is to have a hundred percent of the compost we produce out in the communities we serve,” explained John Zhao, Director of Facilities and Operations for Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the organization that oversees operations at Rancho for the JPA.

Customers wishing to take advantage of this rare program expansion can get detailed information about scheduling your pick up at [www.LVMWD.com/Bulk-Compost](http://www.LVMWD.com/Bulk-Compost). The gates at Rancho will not be open for public access during the week without first contacting LVMWD customer service.

The Community Compost Program at Rancho represents a key component to the JPA’s mission to bring water full circle and to “close the sustainability loop.” By utilizing the captured bio-solids and turning them into compost to be given away to the community, Rancho produces a product that is beneficially reused by the region.

The production of compost also allows the JPA to forgo traditional means of solids management such as the carbon intensive and costly process of trucking the bio-solids to agricultural areas where they can be land applied or simply dumped into a landfill. Accomplishing the creation of a beneficial product while eliminating waste is integral to being truly sustainable; a key mission of the JPA.

The Community Compost program is one of the most popular and successful JPA outreach programs. Under normal circumstances, compost is available for pick up on Saturdays from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Customers provide their own sealable container(s) such as a plastic storage bin with a lid, sturdy plastic bags; or if you're loading a pickup truck or trailer, you must have a cover to secure the load in place. Each individual is responsible for filling their own containers.

Customers who are interested in updates for the JPA Community Compost program are encouraged to register for e-notifications at [www.LVMWD.com/E-Notification](http://www.LVMWD.com/E-Notification).

Compost will still be available for self-loading on Saturdays with customers being encouraged to make an appointment. Appointments can be made online at [www.LVMWD.com/Community-Compost](http://www.LVMWD.com/Community-Compost) or by calling (818) 251-2188.

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Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable water, wastewater treatment, recycled water and biosolids composting to more than 70,000 residents in the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, and unincorporated areas of western Los Angeles County.

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