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Dear Brian:

This letter serves as my Executive Summary of the Garden Plastic Recycle Program sponsored by Garden Centers of Colorado from August 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Once the grant was approved, the GCC recycle committee began planning for the purchase of the 2 recycle trailers, promotion events to use them to increase awareness of the garden plastic recycling opportunity, preparing an educational brochure to distribute widely throughout the state, and partnering with various entities for collection drives & special promotions. We built our 2010 program based on the successes we had in summer of 2009 when we had 21 stores and greenhouse/nursery suppliers participating in our collection program, printed a coupon to encourage customers to return to stores with their garden plastic, and held special collection events in partnership with Denver Botanic Gardens, The Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and the Denver Recycles. These same organizations partnered with us again in 2010 to do awareness and collection drives. We were able to also partner with the City of Ft. Collins to do an awareness/collection drive on June 5 & 6, 2010, to have our recycle information available at the Denver Botanic Gardens Plant Sale event on May 8 & 9, 2010, and to have the recycle trailer at the Arapahoe County Fair the week of July 19-26, 2010 and at the Douglas County Fair the week of August 2-9, 2010 (these events were added after the grant was approved).

In 2009 our collected plastic totaled 107,366 pounds while during the 1st 6 months of 2010 we have collected 68,944 pounds. Due to the late and cold spring in 2010 which caused people to delay planting (and thus not have garden plastic to return for recycling), we saw a huge surge in late May and all of June which will continue into the July & August months. In 2009, we had many people bring in plastic that they had stored in their sheds & garages for many years since we just started the program in 2008 and they were discovering that this opportunity was available to them. This continues to be the case.

We also experienced several large greenhouse growers and nurseries that worked with us initially in 2009 continue to collect plastic from their retail customers and landscape clients but did not recycle through the Garden Centers of Colorado program. They found they could have their own collection bins and get pickup service direct with a recycler cheaper than our program would allow. The good news here is that more and more companies are collecting garden plastic, reusing it in some cases, and keeping it out of the landfills thus creating an even wider ripple effect than our program can do alone. Since our industry is made up of *independent* small businesses, we as an association have no control over the decisions they make, so they seek out cheaper and sometimes better ways to accomplish the same goals.

Our committee of 6 volunteers has worked hard to follow the requirements of the grant, to increase awareness of the general public of garden plastic recycling opportunities, and to partner with other entities that have similar goals. We believe that the overall program has had far reaching impact throughout the green industry and with the general consumer.

We plan to continue our efforts at collection of garden plastic through 2010 and decide how we can make our program more responsive to the need of the consumer while cutting the costs of collection for our member stores. Our partners in 2010 have invited us to continue to work with them in 2011 to increase the awareness of garden plastic recycling opportunities.

Sincerely,

Donna Ralston, Executive Director

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I. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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II. WORK PLAN

Deliverable	Completion Date	Comments
Purchase two collection trailers	12/1/2009	Trailers were delivered a little late due to delay in manufacturing and bad weather.
Handout distribution	5/1/10	20,000 recycle colored brochures were printed and copies sent to 16 participating GCC stores throughout the state starting 5/1/10.
Store-based promotion (flyers & magnets) - produced	6/30/10	Several stores had the recycle trailers on their property for special promotions throughout the summer: Nick's Garden Center, Arapahoe Acres Nursery, Hilltop Gardens, Echter's Garden Center. The educational brochures were handed out at all participating stores throughout the summer.
Advertising campaign through Denver Newspaper Agency - flyers	4/10/10	8 ½ X 5 colored brochures were created and 20,000 printed to use in promotions, stores & collection events--delivered 4/10/10.
Advertising campaign through Denver Newspaper Agency - newspaper ads & columns	6/30/10	Banner ads ran on the front of the GROW section 4/16, 4/30, 5/21, 6/3. Additional ads inside the GROW section ran on 3/26, 4/16, 4/30, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 6.25. Copies sent with reimbursement reports.
Host at Denver Museum of Nature and Science's Earth Day celebration	4/18/10	Recycle trailer was on site during this event on 4/18-Approx. 228 pounds of plastic was collected.
Distribute handouts at Denver Museum of Nature & Science at 4/18/2010 launch event	4/18/10	Recycle brochures and magnets were given to everyone who brought plastic to be recycled.
Partner with Denver Recycles to launch collection season in 5/1/2010 & hold educational booth	5/1/10	693 vehicles (average 2-3 persons per vehicle) were given recycle brochures and magnets as they passed our booth on 5/1/10.
Host booth at Denver Museum of Nature & Science Earth Day event	4/18/10	12,000 visitors (includes kids) at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science passed our display on 4/18. 562 individual contacts were made plus many brochures taken from our display table.

Partner with Denver Recycles in 5/1/2010 to launch collection season	5/1/10	Recycle trailer was on site during this event on 5/1. Approx. 220 pounds of plastic was collected.
Neighborhood outreach program	5/1/10	Denver Recycles sent a news release in late March or early April to 80 neighborhood newsletters that included our GCC garden plastic collection program. See sample in mailed packet.
Internet exposure	6/30/10	Denver Recycles placed GCC's recycle program on their website in March which averages 19,000 hits per week for at least 300,000 hits. Echter's Garden Center sent 17,000 e-news to their customers about the program. Tagawa Garden Center did a PBS tv ad that mentioned our recycle program, did a 9 NEWS ad that featured it, and Rob Proctor mentioned it April 19 on his 9News Sunday program. Arapahoe Acres made at least 500 personal contacts to customers, Hilltop GC sent 1500 customers an email about their collection event and have 35,000 cars pass their store daily who saw the trailer on site, City Floral sent emails to 4000 customers. GCC has the participating stores on our webpage.
Ongoing collection of recycling plastics	6/30/10	Stores are continuing to collect garden plastic on a daily basis through Nov. 30, 2010. From 7/1/09 through 6/30/10, 82.30 tons of plastic and 13.51 tons of cardboard have been kept out of the landfill.
Partner with Denver Botanic Gardens' Health and Wellness Day in 7/22/2010 to hold plastics drive	7/22/10	DBG canceled their Wellness Day event in June, so we are partnering with them for a FREE day on 7/22/10 instead. Brochures & magnets will be handed out and the recycle trailer will be on site to collect plastic all day. They are promoting the recycle event.
Work with garden store owners to join garden waste recycling program	6/30/10	We had 19 stores and 6 supplier greenhouse/nursery companies participate in 2009. We have 16 stores and 5 supplier greenhouse/nursery companies participating in the program in 2010. In addition 6 large grower/supplier companies that we know about are collecting and sending garden plastic DIRECT to recycling facilities because they knew about our program and found a less labor intensive way to collect recyclables.
Distribute handouts of 247K+ clients at program member stores	6/30/10	20,000 recycle colored brochures were printed and copies sent to 16 participating GCC stores throughout the state starting 5/1/10. Stores had them on check out counters all summer. Conservatively, if each of the 16 stores had 10,000 customers from April 1 to June 30, 2010, there were 160,000 contacts during that period alone as all stores had signage in prominent locations within their store.
Distribute handouts at 6/2010 Health & Wellness Fair	7/22/10	DBG canceled their Wellness Day event in June, so we are partnering with them for a FREE day on 7/22/10 instead. Brochures & magnets will be handed out to everyone attending their Free Day.
Festival at Gardens on Spring Creek, Ft. Collins 6/5 & 6	Added event not in grant proposal 6/6/10	The Recycle Trailer was on site at the 3 rd Festival promoted by the City of Ft. Collins on June 5 & 6 held at the Gardens on Spring Creek where 1250 people attended. Brochures were handed out to 200 attendees and 230 pounds of plastic was collected.
Recycle Brochures at DBG Plant Sale event May 8 & 9, 2010	Added event not in grant proposal 5/9/10	500 brochures were given out to customers at the annual Plant Sale held at Denver Botanic Gardens on May 8 & 9, 2010.

Recycle Collection trailers at the Arapahoe County Fair July 19-26, 2010	Added event not in grant proposal 7/25/10	Approximately 750 brochures were taken with the trailer to the Arapahoe County Fair July 21-25 where 20,000 fairgoers passed the trailer and the sandwich board sign and helped themselves to the literature.
Store-based promotion (flyers & magnets) - distribution	6/30/10	Stores that did special ad promotions had brochures to give to customers beginning 5/1/10. (Magnets were not distributed in this manner because they were expensive to produce.)

III. GRANT PROJECT INFORMATION

1. **Executive Summary**

See front page cover letter for summary of grant project.

2. **Project Description & Overview of Work Completed**

The goal of the GCC recycle program is to keep garden plastic out of the landfill, encourage “reduce, reuse, recycle” of garden plastic and increase awareness of the general public about recycling opportunities. As of June 30 at the end of the grant cycle, we have collected for recycling 164,599 pounds of garden plastic and 9,400 pounds of cardboard, we have 16 independent retail stores and 5 greenhouse/nursery suppliers participating in the collection efforts on a daily basis, have prepared and distributed 20,000 colored brochures that taunt the benefits of recycling garden plastic, and held 3 public collection drives in partnership with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the Denver Recyclers and the Denver Botanic Gardens. At least 4 retail stores have had the collection trailers on site to promote awareness to their customers about recycling garden plastic. The trailers also were used in Ft. Collins and at the Arapahoe County Fair for collection drives and public awareness (these were not in the original proposal).

3. **Summary of Findings & Results**

Every place the recycle trailers are used, the response from the general public is an overwhelming “so glad this is finally available---I’ve been saving pots forever in hopes that we could recycle them someday.” With 164,599 pounds of garden plastic and 9,400 pounds of cardboard collected during the period of the grant, we feel that it has been well worthwhile to conduct the program. The 16 participating stores and 5 greenhouse/nursery suppliers have supported this collection effort at their expense in labor and dollars at a time when the economy has been in a slump because they feel it is the right thing to do.

4. **Summary of Unanticipated Outcomes or Roadblocks**

We continue to have communication concerns with our Recycler, his truck driver and the store personnel when it comes to getting everyone on the same page in terms of pickup schedules, bags being ready for pickup and not having other trash placed in the bins (sometimes the general public use it as a dumpster). One canceled event of the Wellness Clinic by Denver Botanic Gardens caused us to go back to them and re-work a plan to have a collection drive at their location after the terms of the grant are over—we will partner with them on a FREE DAY on July 22 with our recycle trailer.

5. **Communication of Project**

GCC has paid for front page Banner Ads in the GROW section of the Denver Post of 4 issues (4/16, 4/30, 5/21 and 6/3) promoting the Garden Plastic Recycle program, and 6 block ads inside the GROW section on 3/26, 4/16, 4/30, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18 to increase the public awareness of the recycle opportunity. All participating stores have signage in their stores and on their collection sites about bringing in garden plastic for recycling. Other than a news release we do not have funds to buy any ad space to report to the general public how many pounds of plastic have been collected.

6. Future Impact of Project

As a committee, the GCC recycling group will continue to encourage retail stores to collect garden plastic for “reuse or recycling”. We are continuing to search for manufacturers who might make products locally to remove the need to send the collected plastic out of state/country to be remade into useful products. Many of the GCC stores will continue to promote it to their customers, accept the plastic back at their store locations, and pay for a recycler to haul it to a manufacturer to be reused in some useful way. Since the association is made up of independent small businesses, we (GCC) can not predict, determine or decide how each store owner will react to the recycle program and if and how they collect, recycle or reuse garden plastic. What we can do is encourage this behavior by offering programs that are attractive to them and provide good PR for recycling efforts.

7. Financial Summary

Grant funds were spent on the 2 recycle trailers, administrative costs, printing of the educational brochure, ads in the Denver Post, and transportation of the collected plastic. GCC paid for additional administrative costs, transportation costs of the collected plastic, and some of the newspaper ads in June 18. See the attached grant budget table breakdown form in appendix.

8. Final Conclusion

The committee and thus our GCC board and membership have learned a great deal about the issues, problems and processes of recycling plastic—the biggest problem being the dirt on the containers and how this causes issues in processing of the collected plastic and manufacturing of new products. The need for more research is apparent on how to work with the chemical makeup of the various kinds of plastics even if they are mixed together, the need to require manufacturer’s to stamp on the product identifying it as made from the type of plastic (#2, 4, 5, 6) so it can be sorted for reuse/recycling, and reducing the costs of transporting the used plastic so there is a profit margin for recyclers and manufacturers without increasing the carbon footprint of the process. As Americans get used to sorting, cleaning and recycling plastics like we have newspapers, glass, aluminum, and cardboard there will be more of it available, more products that can be made from it and more consumers willing to buy it. It is the future and we need to do all we can to reduce landfill waste.

Appendix

- a. **Grant Metrics**
- b. **Budget Table**
- c. **Community Leaders Contact Information:**
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- d. **Manuals, Brochures, Print Advertisements, Pictures, Educational Materials, etc.**
Pictures, Website info, Advertisements

Grant Metrics

Date project fully operational:

July-09

(Based on deliverables- month that impact of grant would have changed volumes/job creation/participants)

Diversion Rates:

(Choose one material per box. Only list those collected over the grant cycle. Must be listed as "tons". See tab labeled "Conversion Tables" if needed.)

Material Diverted #1	
Plastics (#1-7)	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	17.61
August-09	9.63
September-09	6.44
October-09	3.65
November-09	8.44
December-09	0
January-10	0.56
February-10	0.17
March-10	0.46
April-10	3.25
May-10	10.32
June-10	21.77
Total	82.3

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #2	
Cardboard	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	2
August-09	2
September-09	2
October-09	1.91
November-09	0
December-09	0
January-10	1.7
February-10	0.5
March-10	1.4
April-10	1
May-10	0
June-10	1
Total	13.51

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #3	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	
August-09	
September-09	
October-09	
November-09	
December-09	
January-10	
February-10	
March-10	
April-10	
May-10	
June-10	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #4	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	
August-09	
September-09	
October-09	
November-09	
December-09	
January-10	
February-10	
March-10	
April-10	
May-10	
June-10	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #5	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	
August-09	
September-09	
October-09	
November-09	
December-09	
January-10	
February-10	
March-10	
April-10	
May-10	
June-10	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #6	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	
August-09	
September-09	
October-09	
November-09	
December-09	
January-10	
February-10	
March-10	
April-10	
May-10	
June-10	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #7	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	
August-09	
September-09	
October-09	
November-09	
December-09	
January-10	
February-10	
March-10	
April-10	
May-10	
June-10	
Total	0

Other div. material:

Material Diverted #8	
Tons Diverted	
July-09	
August-09	
September-09	
October-09	
November-09	
December-09	
January-10	
February-10	
March-10	
April-10	
May-10	
June-10	
Total	0

Other div. material:

End use of diverted materials:

(Describe where materials are going [e.g., MRF, new products, reuse])

garden plastic collect in this program is being ground into tiny granular particles and made into new products which include irrigation pipe, road bumpers for parking lots, some toys. MJ Enterprises, Denver uses the plastic.

Number of Permanent Jobs Created:

1

(Include full-time & part time paid positions. 1 FTE = 2080 Hours Worked)

Type of Permanent Job(s) Created:

(Provide titles of jobs created)

truck driver to collect the plastic containers from the various participating locations.

Average Salaries of Jobs Created:

(Average of all jobs created)

\$15,001 - \$30,000

Average Monthly Customers for FY 09:

(July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009)

583 collectors

Average Monthly Customers for FY 10:

(Estimate or customer lists)

Ave. Monthly Amount	
July-09	1500
August-09	1500
September-09	700
October-09	500
November-09	
December-09	
January-10	
February-10	
March-10	800
April-10	1000
May-10	2000
June-10	2000
Ave. / FY 10	1250

**Grant Budget Table Breakdown
(Garden Centers of Colorado) (RREO)**

	Grant Funds Spent	Matching/In Kind Amount (if any)	Total Amount
Personnel Salaries & Wages	\$1,840.00	\$200.00	\$2,040.00
Fringe Benefits			
Tuition/Fees			
Travel Costs			
Materials/Supplies/Equipment (under \$5,000)	\$991.22	\$160.83	\$1,152.05
Equipment Purchases (over \$5,000)	\$18,334.00	\$1,966.94	\$20,300.94
Contractors/Subcontractors	\$7,237.78	\$7,993.82	\$15,231.60
Consultants			
Training/Educational classes			
Marketing/Advertising	\$4,000.00	\$1,612.87	\$5,612.87
D.POST IN-KIND ADS		\$3,000.00	
Other Direct Costs			
Indirect Costs			
Total Project Cost:	\$32,403.00	\$14,934.46	\$47,337.46

Total award amount: \$32,403

GARDEN CENTERS OF COLORADO NOTES:

Partners also contributed graphic assistance to design the educational brochure, promote the collection efforts for Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Recycles and Denver Botanic Gardens. No dollar amounts are available to determine the value of these in-kind contributions.



Photos clockwise: Talking to drivers at Denver Recycles event May 1, Sign on bins for drop off sites, trailer decals upclose, both trailers with decals in place, booth at Denver Museum of Nature & Science on April 18.

Drop off sites listed at:

www.GardenCentersofColorado.org

**Keep the plants.
We'll take the pots!**
Recycle your garden plastics!

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JUNE UPDATES FROM CITY FLORAL

GREEN PROGRAMS AT CITY FLORAL

Don't forget about our GREEN programs at City Floral. Bring your plastic pots and flats back to City Floral and we recycle them! Garden plastics are not accepted in most curbside recycling programs, but City Floral in conjunction with the Garden Centers of Colorado offers a separate recycling program for these plastics.

Our Community Supported Agriculture program starts this week! City Floral is a drop off site for Grant's Farms CSA program where you can purchase a farm share of organically grown fresh fruits and veggies delivered every week to City Floral. City Floral's pick up time is Wednesday 4-6pm. Grant's Family Farm also offers farm raised meats. Our freezer just arrived and we have the first shipment of farm raised chickens in store. [Click here](#) to visit Grant's Family Farm for more information and sign up for weekly shipments today.

June is a great time to plant. Despite some public perceptions, you are not too late! Annuals have plenty of time to establish before the warmer weather and particularly warmer nights set in. Many perennials are just coming into flower so June is a perfect time to buy and plant perennials. You still have plenty of time to finish a summer crop of home grown veggies! We grow a large crop of more mature starter plants that are perfect for planting mid-season. Take advantage of the cool weather and spend some time in the yard this weekend!

GARDEN REWARD MEMBER WEEKEND SPECIALS

ALL PERENNIALS BUY 4 GET 1 FREE, EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE (EXPIRES 06/14/10)
FREE PAIR OF ATLAS GLOVES (UP TO \$5 VALUE) WITH ANY VEGGIE PURCHASE.



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TRY IT FREE

Trash to Trees!

A Community event hosted every December at the Inverness Hotel!

Tagawa Gardens is proud to help sponsor this fun program that raises much-needed funds for local schools. Other sponsors include the Inverness Hotel, Tree by Tree/Mile High Million and Radio Disney.

Fresh-cut trees (provided by Tagawa Gardens) are decorated by local students using only sustainable and recyclable products. The trees will be sold at a silent auction. Trees are on display at the Inverness Hotel, (200 Inverness Drive West, Englewood.) Vote for your favorite and bid in the silent auction!

If your school group would like to participate or your company would like to consider sponsoring Trash To Trees, click here for a link to the Inverness Hotel's "Trash to Trees" webpage.

*In May,
349 hits
at of
26,000 unique
visits
in May*

Garden Plastic Recycling

This special program began in 2009 and is sponsored by Garden Centers of Colorado, an association of independent garden centers in Colorado. Tagawa Gardens was honored to be part of the original pilot program.

Bring us your empty plastic garden pots, packs, carrying trays and hanging baskets (wire hangers removed) and put them in our Garden Plastic Recycling Bin, located near our Soils & Bark area. All items to be recycled must be empty of soil and any wires removed.

You may bring your garden plastics to us anytime during our regular business hours. Plastics from this program will be recycled into decking, toys and new bottles and containers.

Thank you for participating in this program!

Internal Recycling Program at Tagawa Gardens!

Because Tagawa Gardens is a facility that produces VeriFlora® Certified Sustainable Plants, we are committed to protecting our environment and recycling as much as possible. Cardboard, office paper, magazines, many types of plastics, bottles, aluminum and other products are recycled. Lumber used in shipping cartons is re-purposed into display tables and other items. Many other items are re-used and re-purposed in many ways. At times, a wormery composter has been used to recycle lunchroom scraps.

Product Donations to Community Groups

Tagawa Gardens strive to help our community and our Earth in as many ways possible. We donate at least 5% of our net profits back into our community in the form of plants and garden supplies.

If your organization wishes to request a donation from Tagawa, please fill out our Donation Request Form obtained at our Guest Service Desk in our front shop area. Please fill out the form completely at least 30 days prior to the event. This will help us to better serve our community by providing a more mutually convenient, fair and expedient method by which a decision can be made regarding your request for a donation.

We request that your organization be non-profit, non-religious, and charitable in order to be considered.

You will be contacted by phone or e-mail with our response in approximately 10 (ten) working days prior to our Donation Office receiving your Request.

You may contact Michelle, our HR/Donation/Outreach Coordinator, for a Donation Request Form at 303-690-4722 ext. 107 or Michelle@TagawaGardens.com

DEPARTMENTS

Annuals, Herbs, Bulbs &
Vegetables
Perennials
Trees & Shrubs
Rose Bushes

Indoor Growing &
Hydroponics
Gifts, Holiday & Home
Bird Feeding
Books

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Guestbook and Coupons
Newsletter
Classes & Events
Monthly Garden Tips
Garden Links

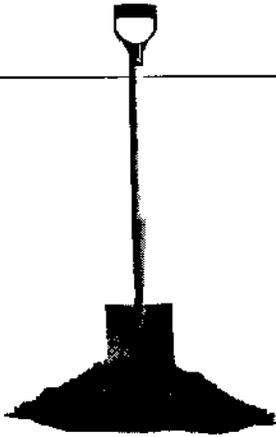
Free Mulch & Compost Sale

Landscaping your yard just got cheaper.

Saturday, May 1, 2010

8 AM – 3 PM

OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



LeafDrop Compost Sale

Compost is a nutrient-rich soil amendment made from decomposed organic material (in this case from leaves) that can be:

- Mixed into soil to help reduce water and fertilizer needs.
- Spread thinly over lawns to help grass roots retain moisture.

Mulch and Compost Site:

Northeast: Havana Nursery

10450 Smith Rd., just south of I-70 on Havana St.

- *Mulch and compost front-end loader service for trucks and trailers and dig-your-own.*
- *Limit of 3 cubic yards of compost per vehicle.*
- **Compost Prices:** \$3 per 10 gallon bag or \$28.50 per cubic yard (plus tax).



FREE Treecycle Mulch

Mulch is ground wood chips (in this case, from reclaimed Christmas trees) that can be used to:

- Control weeds.
- Help soil retain moisture.
- Protect shallow-rooted plants from weather extremes.

Mulch Only Sites: Dig-your-own

Southeast: Veterans Park

Iowa St. & Vine St.

Southwest: Bear Creek Park

South of Dartmouth Ave. on Raleigh St.

Northwest: Sloan's Lake Park

Sheridan Blvd. & 17th Ave.

Northeast: Fred Thomas Park

Quebec St. and 26th Ave.

- *Commercial vehicles are prohibited from taking or selling the City's mulch.*

Reminders: Please bring your own pitchfork or shovel and bags or containers, and bring a tarp to cover your truck or trailer. Due to limited quantities, Denver residents only please.

Recycle Your Plastic Flower Pots at Havana Nursery!



Garden Centers of Colorado will be collecting plastic garden pots for recycling as part of this event. Plastic garden pots of any size or color, hanging baskets (with wires removed), carrying trays and flower pack holders will be accepted.

For more details call **720.865.6810** or visit DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles

9000 flyers like this and



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311
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*695 Colored Posters to Libraries,
150 schools, public places, wine foods, area
coffee shops, Denver Digs trees*

2010 Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & LeafDrop Compost Sale

Landscaping your yard just got cheaper.

On Saturday, **May 1, 2010**, the City & County of Denver will be holding its annual "**Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & LeafDrop Compost Sale.**" The mulch is made by grinding up Christmas trees collected from residential homes this past January, and the compost is made from leaves collected in last fall's LeafDrop program. This event is an opportunity for Denver residents to save some cash on their landscaping projects this spring and reuse materials that otherwise would have been sent as trash to the landfill.

There will be five sites around Denver where residents can go to pick up **FREE mulch** on May 1st from 8 AM to 3 PM (or while supplies last):

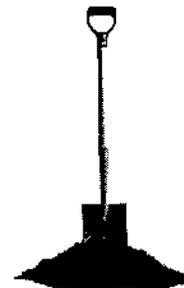


- NE Denver: **Havana Nursery** (10450 Smith Rd., just south of I-70 on Havana St.)
Loader service for trucks and trailers and dig-your-own

New this year: Plastic garden pots of any size or color, hanging baskets (with wires removed), carrying trays and flower pack holders will be collected for recycling at the Havana Nursery only as part of this event.

- NE Denver: **Fred Thomas Park** (Quebec St. & 26th Ave.)
Dig-your-own mulch.
- NW Denver: **Sloan's Lake Park** (Sheridan Blvd. & 17th Ave.)
Dig-your-own mulch.
- SE Denver: **Veterans Park** (Iowa St. & Vine St.)
Dig-your-own mulch.
- SW Denver: **Bear Creek Park** (On Raleigh St. south of Dartmouth Ave.)
Dig-your-own mulch.

Compost will only be SOLD at the Havana Nursery site (10450 Smith Rd.) by A1 Organics at the incredibly low price of \$3 per 10-gallon bag (about 40 pounds) or about \$30 per cubic yard (plus tax). Compost will only be available while supplies last, so come early and bring your own bags or containers. Loader service for trucks and trailers will also be available for compost, and there will be a limit of 3-cubic yards of compost per vehicle.



Please remember:

- The event is for City & County of Denver residents only.
- Bring a shovel or pitchfork and your own bags or containers to shovel and transport your supply of mulch or compost.
- Only the Havana Nursery site will have loader service (mulch & compost) for trucks and trailers.
- Residents loading material into trucks or trailers must bring along a tarp to make sure loads are covered before leaving the site.
- ~~Only the Havana Nursery site will accept plastic flower pots for recycling. Plastic garden pots are also accepted for recycling anytime at local participating garden stores. For a list of participating stores visit www.denverrecycles.org~~

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Plastic Nursery Pots

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City Floral Resource Center

1440 Kearney St.
Denver, CO
Web Address: www.cityfloralgreenhouse.com

Notes:
Accepts plastic nursery pots, trays and flats for recycling.

Green Thumb Greenhouse

4301 E. Hill Ave.
Denver, CO
Web Address: www.hilltopgardening.com

Notes:
Accepts plastic nursery pots, trays, flats and all other plastic garden ing pots for recycling.

Hilltop Gardening

9000 N. Meeker Blvd.
Denver, CO
Web Address: www.hilltopgardening.com

Notes:
Accepts plastic nursery pots and trays.

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