



## SOIL AMENDMENT RULE

### SOIL PREPARATION INFORMATION FOR METER SETS ON NEW TAPS

#### Importance of Soil Amendment:

Amending your soil with compost has multiple benefits. Organic matter (compost) particles can hold moisture in the soil for extended periods, allowing water to be available to plants over a longer period of time. Compost can provide small amounts of the key nutrients nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (N-P-K) and also increases microbial activity, which improves plant root growth. Compost also “opens” clay soils allowing better drainage and “closes” sandy soils preventing water from leaching away too quick.

For all meter sets requested as of August 1, 2008, Denver Water requires soil amendment before an appointment for meter set will be scheduled. **If the property fails soil amendment inspection, the appointment for meter inspection/set will not be accepted, which may affect whether the property may be landscaped or occupied. Failure to have the meter set or to pass meter inspection and complete the licensing process may also result in cancellation of the Water Supply License.**

Operating Rule 3.03 b: Limits on Use. Unmetered use of water for construction is permitted only until the water service is activated, as required in Rule 2.02.1, or the Water Supply License is cancelled under Rule 2.12, whichever occurs first.

**The watering of landscape and/or occupancy of the premises prior to the installation of a meter are prohibited and shall constitute unauthorized use of water.**

At the time of application for the water tap, a soil amendment fee (\$100) will be collected in addition to all other applicable fees. In the case of re-inspections, a \$70 trip charge will be assessed for each additional visit to the property and will be billed to the property once the meter has been set/inspected.

#### To Pass Soil Amendment Inspection:

1. Prior to the installation of any plant material, including sod, apply a minimum of four (4) cubic yards of soil amendment product per one thousand (1,000) square feet of permeable area. This soil amendment product must be incorporated or rototilled to a depth of four to six inches. Site shall be raked smooth and finish grades established. Rocks and debris over 1-inch diameter that may interfere with planting and maintenance operations shall be removed.

- The soil amendment product applied to the premises must be on the Approved Soil Amendment product list available at [denverwater.org](http://denverwater.org).
- Tilled soil amendment product is required for all permeable area of the property, including tree lawn and right-of-way adjacent to the property for which the property owner is responsible for planting and maintaining.
- If a site is in question as to whether soil amendment is needed, an inspector will take core samples from the site and determine if compost is required. **Scraped properties will require compost only if a new tap and license is required and the existing landscape has been removed from the property as determined by the inspector.**

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### 2. Schedule an Inspection for Soil Amendment:

Provide documentation of soil amendment product, quantity of product and address(es) it will be applied to – invoice or load ticket – to Denver Water prior to inspection appointment. Inspection will be arranged once documentation has been received and product approved. Documentation may be:

- E-mailed – [soilamendment@denverwater.org](mailto:soilamendment@denverwater.org)
- Faxed – 303-628-6190 (Indicate Soil Amendment)
- Mailed – Denver Water Conservation-SA, MC 330, 1600 W. 12th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
- Schedule an inspection with Denver Water by calling 303-628-6670. The inspection will take place within 2 business days of request.
- Inspection status (pass) will be communicated by a hardcopy notice is left at the property the day of inspection. Inspection status (fail) will receive a hardcopy notice explaining the failure and phone contact to the inspection requestor will be attempted.
- If the property is served by a master meter distributor, the distributor's representative will be notified whether the property has passed or failed via E-mail within the next business day.
- Once the property passes soil amendment inspection, the meter set/inspection appointment may be made the following business day.

**If the property fails soil amendment inspection:** The appointment for meter inspection/set will not be accepted if the property fails the soil amendment inspection. Denver Water will notify the party who made the appointment. For re-inspection, the same process applies along with a \$70 trip charge. **The property may not be occupied or landscaped.**

**Winter Conditions:** If weather and ground conditions prevent the soil amendment inspection required for a meter-set, the applicant for the meter-set may deposit with Denver Water 25 percent of the SDC (System Development Charge) for the property, at which time Denver Water will schedule the meter inspection even though the soil amendment inspection has not occurred. The soil amendment inspection will then take place when conditions permit and no later than June 1 each year.

Once the property has passed the soil amendment inspection, the soil amendment deposit will be refunded to the originator of deposit, regardless of ownership of the property. **NO INTEREST WILL BE PAID ON THE DEPOSIT.**

**Contact Sales Administration at 303-628-6100 for the winter deposit amount for your property.**

Note: Denver Water cannot perform the soil amendment inspection if the premise is landscaped. Therefore, any landscaping that occurs prior to the inspection is done at the risk of the party obtaining the landscaping. Denver Water is not responsible for any monetary or property loss arising from removal of landscaping in order to perform the inspection.

### **For phased projects:**

A complete site irrigation plan must be submitted for review as a pre-requisite to applying for a tap. More information is available at [www.denverwater.org](http://www.denverwater.org), under "Soil Amendment" or call 303-628-6670.



**SOIL PREPARATION AGREEMENT  
FOR ALL METER SETS REQUESTED  
AS OF AUGUST 1, 2008**

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I have read the accompanying document and understand and agree to its terms.

Service Address

Tap Number

Check only one:

- Irrigation Only Tap
- Domestic Only (No outside water from building)
  - Where does irrigation come from?

Address of Irrigation Only Tap

Tap Number

- Domestic with Irrigation (Outside water from building)

Name of Master Meter Distributor (if applicable)

Name of Company

Phone Number

*Applicant Signature*

Application Date

Print Applicant Name

**DENVER WATER  
APPROVED SOIL AMENDMENT PRODUCT LIST**

Supplier/Address	Phone	Manufacturer/Product Name
A-1 Organics/16350 WCR 76, Eaton, CO 80615	970-454-3492 800-776-1644	A-1 Organics/BioComp A-1 Organics/Premium 3
Ainsworth Rock Sales 5600 No. Washington St. Denver	303-295-2990	Boss/Black Tea
Bauer Compost & Gravel P.O. Box 2499 Parker	303-981-3573	A-1 Organics/Premium 3
B.O.S.S. Compost, Inc. 16700 County Rd. 12 Ft. Lupton	303-659-5958	BOSS/Black Tea Compost BOSS/Boston Tea Compost
CMT Excavating P.O. Box 935, Indian Hills, CO	303-489-3036	REC Compost
Colorado Material 1821 Boston Ave. Ste. B Longmont	303-682-2314	A-1 Organics/BioComp A-1 Organics/Premium 3 Colorado Materials/CMI Compost
Direct Landscape Supply 2901 S. Santa Fe Dr. Englewood	303-781-2290	Boss/Black Tea Compost
Echter's Garden Center 9170 W. 52nd Ave. Arvada	303-424-7979	Select Materials/5 Way Compost
Freund Farms 505 Biloxi St. Aurora	303-263-8909	Freund/505 Biloxi A-1
Front Range Material, Inc. 1019 8th St. Ste. 300 Golden	303-798-6764	Front Range Material Compost (Item 16-600)
Green Valley Turf Farm 2951 S. Santa Fe Dr. Littleton	303-798-6764	Boss/B.O.S.S. 5 Compost (Black Tea)
GreenStock Materials 10886 Hwy 93 Golden	303-494-7625	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Humalfa, The Organic Fertilizer, LLC - 26874 CR 65, Iliiff, CO 80736	970-466-7981	Natures Prescription
James Nursery 7900 York St. Denver CO 80229	303-288-2424	Natures Prescription
Jared's Nursery & Garden Center 10500 W. Bowles Ave. Littleton	303-979-6022	Boss/Black Tea
Jensen Sales Co. 8980 S. Santa Fe Dr. Littleton	303-791-4250	Supreme Compost
Midwest Materials PO Box 70 Mead	303-776-6323	Soil Rejuvenation Prod./Class II Dairy A-1 Organics/Bio Comp/Premium 3
Nick's Garden Center 2001 S. Chambers Rd. Auroa	303-696-6657	Boss/Planter Mix
Paulino Gardens 6300 N. Broadway Denver	303-429-8062	Select Materials/Select Compost
Pioneer Sand Co. 463 Airport Blvd. Aurora	303-340-1440	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Pioneer Sand Co. 11250 Dillon Rd. Broomfield	303-456-4212	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Pioneer Sand Co. 7608 Highway 93 Golden	303-279-4758	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Pioneer Sand Co. 11010 Irma Dr. Northglenn	303-252-1095	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Pioneer Sand Co. 8189 W. Brandon Dr. Littleton	303-791-3535	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Pioneer Sand Co. 11731 N. Hwy 83 Parker	303-841-3737	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Pioneer Sand Co. 6379 Valmont Rd. Boulder	303-440-7625	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Pioneer Sand Co. 13505 E. 112th Ave. Brighton	303-288-6007	A-1 Organics/BioComp
Prime Materials, LLC 8251 I-76 Frontage Rd. Henderson	303-655-0431	Boss/Black Tea
Quality Landscape & Soil Products 2977 No. Hwy 83 Franktown	303-688-4946	Compost
Renewable Fiber 2600 W. Oxford Ave. Englewood	303-798-1292	Premium Dairy D/ BioComp
Santa Fe Sand and Gravel 6601 S. Santa Fe Dr. Littleton	303-794-5960	Cottonwood Dairy/Cow Compost
Select Materials (wholesale only)	303-857-4688	Compost #17-07-SW
Silver Crown Landscape Materials 12185 N. Dumont Way Littleton	303-683-0200	ETO Compost
Simplot Partners 4195 Oneida St, Unit H Denver	720-941-0646	A-1 Organics /Premium 3 /Evergreen