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Greetings FM Team,

In the fall 2019 issue of *Facilities Focus*, you may remember that the newsletter committee shared some fun facts about the Windrow Composting Facility on Foothills Campus. If you'll recall, windrows are long piles of waste organics that are turned, watered, and monitored. They take about three months to fully cure and become ready for use. CSU's windrow composting operation includes food waste, compostable paper products, plant matter, horse manure, and waste animal bedding.

Usually the compost is bagged and sold to the community. Recently, however, after filling 800 bags of compost (and with many thousands more to go), the logos on the bags began to fade. This meant ISW had to order new bags that were not faulty, and they were unable to sell the initial 800 to the public. The good news is that the already-bagged compost was given to local non-profits, both on-campus and off-campus, for use in gardens. For example, [Everybody Eats Garden](#) managed by the Horticulture Club received compost to use for their garden. Their food feeds into the FREEdge program, a student-run initiative that provides fresh produce so students who are facing food insecurity can access healthy food at no cost.

ISW still has 170 of the faded-logo bags left and they are offering the 45-lb. bags of compost to FM staff over the next few days. There is a pallet on the south side of the Facilities Management North Building, at the east end of the parking lot. You can take up to four 45-lb. bags of compost for your personal use. Compost will be offered until Wednesday, May 20, or until supplies last.

Best,



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