Free Compost Available

The Village of Penn Yan would like to announce that its municipal Compost is available free of charge. Compost may be picked up on Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 12-noon and on Wednesdays between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Please bring your own bag or other container. Loading compost will be done by the consumer and no equipment will be provided by the Village of Penn Yan.*

The Village of Penn Yan’s Waste Water Treatment Plant produces high quality compost from municipal waste. It is made from treated and stabilized wastewater residue mixed with wood chips and then subjected to high-temperature composting to eliminate pathogens before being screened to 1/2 " granules.

Compost works not only as a fertilizer but also as a soil additive to develop and improve moisture retention and adds important organic matter. Compost worked into clay or sandy soils improves texture, helps to prevent compaction and aerates the soil, thereby facilitating grass and turf root development. It can also be used as a substitute for landscaping mulch or peat moss.

The Village’s compost has been tested by independent laboratories to ensure that it meets all state and federal requirement. The Compost is intended for flower gardens, lawns, landscaping etc. It should not be used for vegetable gardens or other food crops.

The treatment plant is located at 30 Elmwood Avenue (on some GPS systems listed as 125 Sherman Street), and is best accessed by turning north on Elmwood Avenue from the Himrod Road (County Road 1). The treatment plant is just the other side of railroad tracks.