

Bulk Manure & Compost Directory

Where to Find Commercial & Non-Commercial Manure, Compost, Soil Blends in South-Central Alaska



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1. Commercial Sources

Alaska Humus “Teaming with Microbes”

A custom humus especially good for making compost tea. Sold in gardening stores and Alaska Mill and Feed. For more info, call 907-258-1504 in Anchorage.

Fishy Peat and Alaska Earth Potting Soil

At Anchor Point Greenhouse, Anchor Pt. Made from composted local peat, fish waste, and kelp. Sold in various garden supply stores, e.g. Three Bears in Mat-Su, and Alaska Mill & Feed in Anchorage. Contact Al Poindexter at 907-235-7288

Susitna Organics “Humified Compost

A large scale commercial operation offering compost & soil/compost blends.

Buy compost in bulk or bagged directly from Mark or buy bags in garden stores.

Also, Mark will pick up of raw organic matter and can deliver bulk compost. Mark Fisher at 907-841-9426. Email orders@susitnaorganics.com . Website is www.susitnaorganics.com

Quality Topsoil & Farm Products

Products: bulk compost, topsoil, and soil/compost blends. Bulk only, not bagged. Mon-Sat. Location: Farm at end of Marsh Road, Palmer. Tracy Moffitt, 907-355-3384

2. Non-commercial Sources (individuals & farmsteads)

A Starter List for Finding Sources in South-Central Alaska: Anchor Point, Anchorage, Chugiak, Eagle River, Palmer & Butte, Wasilla, & Knik.

Be sure to phone ahead and arrange pick-up.

*****Please note...** that I have not checked with all these sources each year. Inquire directly for availability & current prices. Please let me know about other sources to post. Thanks, *Ellen*

PALMER AREA

Havemeister Dairy

3-year aged dairy cow manure & bedding \$25 for cubic yard. Location: on Bogard near Trunk Rd. Delivery available in 5 mile radius of farm. Bob Havemeister havemeister@gci.net 745-2040

Alys Culhane

Products: Finished compost and raw horse manure. The sifted compost with red wigglers costs \$5.00 a bucket. The horse manure is free. It comes in convenient buckets, and we ask that the buckets be returned promptly. This manure has no de-wormer medicine residue, as we use NO medication that might endanger your soil food web. Call a few days ahead to arrange. Location: Buffalo Mine Road area. alysculhane@hotmail.com 745-4747

Ray DePriest

Horse and cow manure 745-3927.

Mt. McKinley Meat and Sausage

Manure & Bedding Free. Also blood and a tank may be available to borrow. Call 745-5232

Margaret Subers

Horse manure with hay mixed in or just manure. Free. I have some left over feed bags that can be used to take it home in. Please call me a few days in advance. 907 746-0041

The Reindeer Farm

Reindeer manure \$20/pickup load; \$10/trunk or station wagon. Bring a shovel; no loader is available. This is a well-mixed and stomped supply of reindeer pee, poop, and bedding straw. Just add water and watch it heat up and compost. Location: Bodenburg Loop Road, Butte area. Call 745-4000. Or reindeer@mtaonline.net

Windborne Farm Alpacas

Lazy Mt. area Tom or Jan at 746 5265 Email windborn@mtaonline.net

EAGLE RIVER / BIRCHWOOD AREA

Linda Boggs

Composted horse manure, free to good home. Location: Hiland Road in Eagle River. I have a front end loader so: 1) the piles are monitored and turned to kill weed seeds and pathogens (I aim for organic standards), and 2) I can easily load up your truck. Often the older stuff is loaded with earthworms, which quickly inhabit the piles as they cool down. 696-0646 ls_boggs@yahoo.com

Leading Lady Llamas

Llama and goat manure. Call for arrangements & directions. Some poop is mixed with bedding materials. You are quite welcome to come over and load up. I am not charging and do have some old feed bags if anyone needs them. I usually just load it into the back of my pickup and shovel from there. Karen Herget 317-0769 blaghawke@yahoo.com

—Please let me know about other sources to list! —Ellen

3. Compost Benefits, Cautions, & Research

Benefits: manure or compost will feed your soil micro-workers, fertilize your plants, increase plant vigor, improve soil structure & drainage, neutralize toxins, reduce the need to irrigate, prevent disease, prevent pests, and prevent nutrient deficiencies.

Raw manure and aged manure are both full of weed seeds. It's best to compost your manure first to reduce the weed seeds & to prevent nitrogen-robbing in your garden while the manure is decomposing.

A note about moldy hay and grass: be sure to wear a dust mask, as you can overload your lungs and immune system with spores. Better yet, mist or spray with water continually as you disturb a moldy pile.

A note about raw manures: If the batch comes from a horse, reindeer, cow, etc. who has been de-wormed in the last couple months, the worm medicine is a nematicide and may reduce populations of beneficial soil microbes, particularly beneficial nematodes. Ask when you call about manure. When you work with "de-wormed" manure and if you don't see much action, then...

- 1) Let the manure sit until it starts to show signs of decomposition before spreading, or
- 2) Add an activator, such as actively aerated compost tea, or *Soil ProVide* (for sale on this website --see [store](#)) or
- 3) Find a different source of manure.



Here are the step by step directions to make high-quality compost at home (DVD) ([Store](#))