

Compost Site *In Brief*



Issue Overview

The Fawn River compost site is available to residents of the Sturgis area for the disposal of brush, grass clippings, and other selected yard waste. Use of the site is free to individuals living in the City of Sturgis and Sturgis Township. Residents of other townships and owners of commercial landscaping businesses can utilize the site for a fee. The City has recently updated its policies regarding the compost site.

Compost Site Operation

The compost site on Fawn River Road is operated by the City of Sturgis to provide a place for the disposal of yard waste. The site accepts brush, leaves, grass clippings, and other similar types of materials. The compost site is open 8 months out of the year: April through late November, and also opens for a limited period of time in January to allow for the disposal of Christmas trees. During its normal operational months area residents can access the site four days a week; Monday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. An attendant monitors the site when it is open to the public.

Access to the Site

Residents of the City of Sturgis can access the compost site free of charge. When visiting the site they must present their driver's license with Sturgis address or other proof of City residence. By virtue of an agreement with the City, residents of Sturgis Township also have free access to the compost site.

They can obtain a compost pass card by registering with the Clerk/Treasurer's Office at City Hall. Residents not from the City or Sturgis Township must pay a non-refundable fee of \$35.00 for a pass card; they can obtain cards at City Hall. Pass cards are valid for the entire year (April to late November) and the cost is the same regardless of purchase date. All non-City residents (including those in Sturgis Township) will need to obtain a new pass card yearly.

Commercial Landscapers

The City also provides access to the compost site for commercial landscaping businesses. Landscaping businesses located in the City of Sturgis are charged \$150.00 for access, non-City landscaping businesses are charged \$250.00. This fee provides the landscaping business 24/7 access to the compost site for the year.

— Hours of Operation —

April through October

Mon. & Thursday: Noon - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

November

Mon. & Thursday: Noon - 6:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

— Cost to Use —

Residents

City of Sturgis Free
Sturgis Township Free
Other Townships \$35.00

Commercial Landscapers

City of Sturgis \$150.00
Non-City \$250.00

