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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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CUPERTINO, CA – Cupertino Free Compost Program

Help your garden this spring with free compost. Cupertino's compost site opens on Friday, March 20, 2015. The compost facility is located at the Stevens Creek Quarry on Stevens Canyon Road, across from the Stevens Creek Reservoir dam parking lot. Compost will be available for bulk pickup each Friday and Saturday morning between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. No appointments are necessary and there is no charge for the compost. The site is closed during rainy weather and if muddy conditions exist after rain. The site is also closed on Independence Day weekend, Friday July 4th and Saturday July 5th.

## Please remember:

- Only Cupertino residents may use this program. Proof of residency is required;
- If a resident has hired a gardener, the resident must accompany the gardener to the site when the compost collected;
- Please bring adequate tools and people to help. No staff is available at the site to assist.
- The City has a limited supply of bags (two per vehicle maximum). Residents should provide their own equipment including shovels, containers, tarps, and/or bags to hold compost collected;
- It can get busy. Residents are limited to fifteen minutes of shoveling if other cars are waiting;
- State law requires that loads of loose material be covered while traveling on streets and highways. Tarps and tie-down ropes are required to cover compost carried in an open vehicle such as a truck or utility trailer.

For additional information about the City's Free Compost Site, visit our webpage at <a href="https://www.cupertino.org/compost">www.cupertino.org/compost</a>. For recorded information, please call the compost hotline at 408-777-1320. With questions call City staff at 408-777-3354.

Cupertino, CA, is on the western edge of Silicon Valley against the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. With a population of 60,000 within 13 square miles, Cupertino is 42 miles south of San Francisco and home to many high-tech companies, most notably Apple Inc.