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The City's compost site on Memorial Plaza has undergone some changes.

The City agreed to a two-year contract with SMS Woodstone to handle all wood grinding and site maintenance. In order for SMS Woodstone to provide a better mulch product for residential use in flower beds and gardens, some things have to be separated.

There will be two distinct piles at the compost site. Brush and yard waste in paper bags will be unloaded in one area and other wood waste (painted and/or treated lumber, plywood) will be placed in another area. To help reduce contamination of the mulch, trash, metals, and plastic will not be unloaded at the site.

SMS Woodstone will grind both piles into large size mulch that will be hauled away. The brush and yard waste pile will be ground a second time through a 2-inch screen. Some will be left on site for citizens to pick up. The remaining mulch will be hauled offsite for use as a fuel product. It will not be sent to a landfill.

The compost site is paid for by a portion of the garbage collection fee paid by residential customers. Only residential customers are allowed to dump at the compost site and take mulch home. Non-residential and commercial businesses may not use the compost site for dropping off brush or picking up mulch.

The site is open Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dumping at the site during non-business hours can result in fines. Proof of Burleson residency is required to utilize the site.