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EarthMate Compost Available for Homeowners from May through October!

PHILADELPHIA – The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) has EarthMate Compost, an excellent mulch and soil amendment, available for pick-up by Philadelphia homeowners at three PWD facilities starting now through October. The three pick up sites are:

- 1) Southwest Philadelphia: Biosolids Recycling Center, 7800 Penrose Ferry Road Philadelphia, Pa. 19153
- 2) Northwest Philadelphia: Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant, Fox Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19129 (near the Roosevelt Expressway interchange)
- 3) Northeast Philadelphia: Baxter Water Plant, 8800 Block of State Road Philadelphia, Pa. 19136.

EarthMate Compost, is a valuable soil product produced by the Philadelphia Water Department and is suited for many garden uses: added to the soil for turf areas and flower beds; used as a mix for potted plants; and used as a mulch for the soil surface. The product is made from biosolids, the organic by-product of wastewater treatment, and wood chips to produce a rich soil amendment that adds organic material to existing soil. Earthmate is screened to produce a clean, safe, odorless growing medium suitable for soil conditioning and as a base ingredient for blends. The product meets all federal and state environmental standards for homeowner use.

Purchase of the Earthmate Compost by residents for large projects or by landscapers for commercial projects can be arranged by calling EM Sales at 1-800-432-3966.

EarthMate Compost may also be made available to community groups requiring truckload quantities for improving public properties by calling 215-685-6248.