



It Ain't Over until the "Overs"
have a Home

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Compost



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Wood – C&D



Screened



Screening Compost



The good



- Salable compost
- Meets market standards
- Clean $> 1/2''$ Dirty $< 3/8''$
 - More overs when fine
 - More contaminant in overs

What comes out the back-end



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Not stable, but workable until...

- Lots of dead trees in forests, preferred feedstock
- Increased quality standards by biofuel plants: rejected
- No need for additional green energy needed
- Biofuel plans close

Woodageddon!

What comes in...

- Crap in → Crap out
- Can get the compost clean, but the overs...
- The biofuel plants are not the future
- Recycling as mulch is recognizing the resource
- **Emphasis on clean feedstock**
- Post processing of overs

Processed, 'clean' overs

- Recycle back in the compost stream: accumulation
- Mulch

Chunky Mulch



When is clean clean enough



This?



What's needed

- Instill respect for organics
- Aim for clean feedstock: starts at the source
- Get appropriate equipment: pre-grinder, post screen
- A lot of work, determination, experimentation

Is there a mulch market?

- Median strip (Roads)
- MWELO (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance)
 - 3 inches required by MWELO
 - Must be from recycled organic materials if available
 - New projects over 500 sf;
 - Renovations over 2,500 sf
- Other

Thank you



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