

# PREFERRED VENDOR LIST AND SPECIFICATION SHEET



#### LUMBER

For ground plots, DUG recommends 2"x6" cedar planks and 4"x4" stakes in the corners to secure the plot in place. If needed and for raised beds, wider planks such as 2"x8" or 2"x10" can be used. Cedar deters garden pests and lasts 10-15 years.

Preferred Vendor: Specialty Wood Products (SWP)

**Product:** Rough-cut cedar (2x6s, 4x6s, 4x4s)

Order Process: Place order at least 2 weeks in advance by contacting TC Cruz at TCruz@swp.net or (303) 288-8484. Make sure to clearly list your garden name and they will invoice DUG directly. Materials can be picked up or delivered for a \$65 delivery fee.



# **SOIL AMENDMENTS**

DUG recommends using screened compost and/or planters mix to improve soil health, particularly for new garden beds or revitalizing depleted soil. Compost adds organic matter, improves water retention, and encourages microbial activity. Planters mix is a blend of compost and soil.

Preferred Vendor: A1 Organics
Product: Compost and Planters Mix

Order Process: To pay directly through DUG, call Sarah at 970-454-3492. Let them know how much compost and/or planters mix you want, which garden you are with, and specifically where you want the compost delivered. A1 will invoice DUG, and DUG will draw the bill from you garden's financial account. To order online through the A1 portal, you must pay out of pocket and submit an expense reimbursement. The link to the A1 portal is located at dug.org/gl. You don't need to be at the garden to receive the order.





#### CRUSHER FINES OR BREEZE

Crusher fines (aka breeze) are used to create smooth, accessible garden paths. Materials are measured in tons and should be compacted at 3"-4" deep for stability and accessibility. Minimum order: 2 tons; Maximum: 15 tons

Preferred Vendor: Ewing Outdoor Supply Product: Gray breeze, granite breeze

Order Process: Call (303) 406-8415 and identify yourself as a DUG Garden Leader. Provide your garden name as the PO and confirm delivery window, location, and material type. They will invoice DUG. Someone must be present at the garden to receive the order



## **ORGANIC WASTE PICKUP**

For gardens without compost systems or overwhelmed compost systems, it can be helpful to divert organic garden waste such as weeds and dead plants to compost pickup services. Be sure materials are free of trash and synthetic debris. Bags must be curbside, intact, paper, and max 50 lbs.

#### **All Metro Denver**

Preferred Vendor: Scraps
Product: Leaf bag pickup
Order Process: Email

tom@scrapsmilehigh.com with the estimated number of bags and pickup date/time. There is a \$100 flat fee.

#### **Aurora and East Denver Only**

Preferred Vendor: Wompost Product: Leaf bag pickup Order Process: Email

team@wompostcoop.com with the estimated number of bags and pickup date/time. The cost is \$1/bag for Aurora and East Denver gardens.





#### STRAW MULCH

Straw is used to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature in garden beds. DUG sells straw at our annual Spring Plant Sale in May. If you need straw after May, refer to the information below!

Preferred Vendor: Wardle Feed and Pet Supply

**Product:** Organic Straw Option

Order Process: Call (303) 424-6455 to place order. All orders must be picked up.



## **WOODCHIP MULCH**

Woodchips are used in garden pathways and around perennial plants to suppress weeds, retain moisture, and improve soil as they decompose. DUG recommends arborist woodchips as a low-cost, sustainable option. Dyed woodchips are not allowed in DUG gardens.

**Preferred Vendor**: Your local

arborists

Product: Untreated / undyed

organic woodchips

Order Process: Google arborists in your area. They typically service specific areas. Many arborists will donate woodchips for free!

Preferred Vendor: Chip Drop

Product: Untreated / undyed organic wood

chips

Order Process: Visit chipdrop.com to request a delivery. Specify drop location and note that it is for a DUG community garden. Deliveries are not guaranteed nor scheduled—they occur when a tree crew has available chips in the area. No one needs to be onsite, but a clearly marked drop zone is required.





# ROLL OFF DUMPSTER

Roll off dumpsters are ideal for large cleanups involving debris that cannot be easily composted or recycled, such as lumber, plastic waste, or general trash.

Preferred Vendor: Dumpsters.com

**Product:** Roll off dumpsters in multiple sizes

Order Process: Contact DUG's Account Manager, Alex Hord, at

ahord@dumpsters.com or (216) 260-2294. Confirm dumpster size, drop-off location, and pickup window. Someone may need to be present at delivery depending on

location.

# REMINDERS FOR YOUR MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:

- If you need additional tools for your project, you can rent them from ToolBank. Email gardens@dug.org to learn more.
- Extra hands make light work! Request volunteers for your garden workday by filling out the volunteer request form located at dug.org/gl.
- If your project is beyond what you can do yourself, fill out DUG's maintenance request form located at dug.org/gl.
- All new permanent structures and changes in the garden must first be approved by DUG and the landowner.
- Make sure your garden has money in your garden account before ordering materials. Financials are sent to your [garden]@dug.org email on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.