

2015 Saucon Valley Compost Center Season



2015 was another busy season for the Compost Center, which is operated jointly by Hellertown Borough and Lower Saucon Township.

Over 8,600 visits were made by residents using the Center, which was slightly higher than the 2014 total of 8,500 visits, but did not match the Center's high mark of 8,800 visitors who utilized the facility in 2013.

ID card use continued to work successfully allowing visitors to enter

the Center and log in more rapidly. During the season, 245 new ID cards were issued to first time users bringing the total registrations for the Center to 2,396 customers.

The Center machine grinds the leaves and yard waste material that is dropped off throughout the year, which produced approximately 258 tons of excellent ground mulch that will be available free to residents in 2016. The machine loading of the compost, which is done by Public Works staff for a fee, generated \$3,820 in revenue for the year.

Our agreement with neighboring Williams Township that allows them to dispose of yard waste collected from their residents at their municipal Public Works facility continued to operate successfully again this year, resulting in approximately 329 cubic yards of material being dropped off for a fee of \$3,500, which added to the machine loading revenue helps defray the Center's cost for the machine grinds.

The Compost Center will be open again on Saturdays in January (January 9th, January 16th & January 23rd) to accept Christmas trees. The tentative 2016 opening date for the facility has not been announced.