



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. The unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic has impacted all of us in one way or another. Our hearts go out to all of those who have become sick or lost loved ones to this insidious scourge.

There have been many exciting changes here at our facility over the last year. We have had many obstacles to overcome while retrofitting the operation during the pandemic, but the project progressed on schedule and with a few minor exceptions, we are now completely modernized.

It seems like yesterday, but the first ASP floor was tested in December 2019 and was placed into service shortly after testing. The second ASP floor was placed in service at the end of September 2020 – just in time for the busy leaf season. Testing results show an air throughput exceeding the Green Mountain design specifications by approximately 30%. The oxygen levels in our compost piles average over 18%. (atmospheric oxygen is 20.9%) The ability to control oxygen, moisture and temperature has greatly lessened our odor impacts on the surrounding neighbors.

Due to the Coronavirus, our open house which had been scheduled for April is still on hold. However, we have given several small tours and if you would like to take an individual tour, please call our office and make an appointment – limit 2 per tour. You can also see the progress by watching these short Garden Time segments (links available on our blog):

<https://youtu.be/Kf5U-FSu2CU>

<https://youtu.be/drKKolmv3mk>

<https://youtu.be/tG6eeJ8WAOA>

We would like to thank all our neighbors for their patience during this conversion process. It has been a long process, but we could not have accomplished this herculean task without the help and input of the neighborhood groups like CASE and Oregon Air. We would also like to thank the City of Tualatin and Oregon DEQ for their help and understanding.

A special thanks to Metro who has been instrumental in making this transition possible. Their willingness to step up and hire a contractor to help lay out a plan forward was the key to keeping our recycling center open and viable for decades to come. The Metro Investment & Innovation Grant program provided a much-needed financial boost for modernization to aerated static pile composting.

From all of us at Grimm's Fuel Company, we wish you all a safe, healthy and prosperous new year!

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