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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI364507992

Thank you for your request for information relating to enquiry about compost and woodchippings.

You have requested the following information:

Please can you advise what happens to the food waste collected from households, if this is turned into compost and then if this is available to be supplied to the public. Additionally can you advise if wood chips are available to the public from toppings trees from the local Coventry area. I ask from an allotment perspective and gaining mulch resources.

Garden and food waste from the brown-lidded bin will be sent to In Vessel Composting. The waste is shredded to a uniform size. The compost process is started by naturally occurring micro-organisms in the waste. As the micro-organisms break down the materials, they release nutrients and the temperature increases to 60 to 70 degrees Celsius. This kills pathogens, weeds and seeds. After three to four months the waste is fully composted and used by local farmers, it is not available to the public.

All wood material produced from the tree work necessary to manage the urban forestry in Coventry is sent for energy recovery at a wood fired power station. The appointed contractor stores it and then sends it by lorry to the energy industry once they have a large enough pile.

We can have our contractor supply woodchip to allotments on a one-off basis, however, the quality of the chip is not good for allotment purposes; it is very green and has not been composted.

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Yours faithfully

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