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**Cedar Grove Named 'Composter of the Year' by the U.S. Composting Council**

*National Organization Recognizes Local Composter for Excellence in Compost Production, Marketing and Distribution*

SEATTLE, Wash. - November 29, 2017 – Locally owned and operated, Cedar Grove, is recognized by the U.S. Composting Council as 'Composter of the Year'. Diverting approximately 350,000 tons of yard trimmings and food scraps annually from the landfill, the company's roots in Seattle date back to 1938.

Cedar Grove was recognized by the USCC for demonstrating excellence in the production, management, marketing, and distribution of compost. The company was also recognized as an employer, providing 141 jobs in the region, as a community contributor and steward of the environment, most recently being acknowledged by King County for excellence in its own workplace waste prevention and recycling.

The company is also being recognized for leading the compost manufacturing industry in the region, working to develop and expand markets through its dynamic partnerships with iconic local restaurants, sports teams and key non-profit environmental organizations including The Nature Conservancy and Stewardship Partners.

In 2017, Sound Sustainable Farms took root in Redmond, Wash., growing organic produce in Cedar Grove compost. This farm uses compost generated from food scraps collected from local restaurants and residents to grow 78 different crops locally and organically.

As compost is proven to be beneficial in agriculture, adding nutrients, retaining water and replacing chemical fertilizers and synthetic pesticides, more than 3,000 yards of Cedar Grove's WSDA-registered organic compost were applied to the field, working to restore the natural health of that King County protected farmland.

The company will be honored and recognized on January 24, 2018, at an awards ceremony at the USCC's annual conference and tradeshow taking place in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information or to register for the conference, please visit: <https://compostconference.com/>.

To learn more about Cedar Grove, please visit: [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com).

### **About the U.S. Composting Council**

Established in 1990, the US Composting Council (USCC) is the only national organization in the United States dedicated to the development, expansion and promotion of the compost manufacturing industry. The USCC achieves this mission by encouraging, supporting and performing compost related research, promoting best management practices, establishing standards, educating professionals and the public about the benefits of compost and compost utilization, enhancing compost product quality, and developing training materials for composter manufacturers and markets for compost products. USCC members include compost manufacturers, marketers, equipment manufacturers, product suppliers, academic institutions, public agencies, nonprofit groups and consulting/engineering firms.

The USCC is a non-profit 501(c) (6) organization that also directs the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF), a 501(c) (3) charitable foundation, which administers public and private research and education activities.

### **About Cedar Grove**

Cedar Grove Composting is a local, family-owned business with deep roots in the Seattle area dating back to 1938. Cedar Grove plays a critical role in the Puget Sound's recycling infrastructure and sustainability efforts, diverting more than 350,000 tons of yard waste and food scraps from landfills annually. With two processing facilities in Maple Valley and Everett, Cedar Grove is a local manufacturer providing green jobs in King and Snohomish Counties. Cedar Grove produces wholesome, nutrient-rich compost that is sold to businesses, governments and residents, ensuring consumers have access to locally produced, recycled products. For more information, please visit [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com).