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### **NO MORE METROGRO® COMPOST FOR SALE AFTER JULY 31**

DENVER, July 23 — The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District will no longer sell its METROGRO® Compost product after July 31.

The Metro District stopped producing METROGRO® Compost earlier this year but continued selling supplies on hand while they lasted. The last bag of compost was sold in mid-June. Bulk compost supplies will be exhausted and will not be available after July 31.

The Metro District began making compost in June 1986 as a way to recycle biosolids. Biosolids are the treated, organic-matter-rich solids that are removed from wastewater during treatment. Making compost by mixing wood chips with the biosolids kills pathogens and makes the compost safe for use by homeowners.

Metro stopped producing compost as it began to prepare for a \$325 million upgrade to wastewater treatment facilities in its South Plant. The upgrade project will begin with demolition of most of the compost production facility this fall.

The new treatment process will allow Metro to remove more ammonia and nitrates from the water it treats, thus making it healthier for people and fish.

The Metro District plans to spend about \$1.3 billion on capital improvements over the next 10 years.

The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District serves most of the metro Denver region and is the largest wastewater treatment agency in the Rocky Mountain West. Last year Metro treated 140 million gallons of wastewater daily for 1.6 million metro Denver residents.

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For more information, see Metro's web site at [www.MetroWastewater.com](http://www.MetroWastewater.com).