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**ACRD announces launch of Sort'nGrow program on West Coast**

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) is excited to announce its new Sort'nGo Compost program on the West Coast.

Sort'nGrow compost sales at the West Coast Landfill is the result of the successful launch of the Sort'nGo Curbside Collection Program for West Coast communities. Since 2022, when Sort'nGo began, the organic waste material collected has been composted at the West Coast Landfill. It now meets Class A standards as defined by the Provincial Organic Matter Recycling Regulation and is ready for sale.

"It's great that we are able to collect organic waste from West Coast communities and offer it back to them as good quality compost," explains John Jack, chair of the ACRD Board of Directors. "Not only does this celebrate the success of the Sort'nGo program, but it is also an example of what is possible in a circular economy where waste reduction efforts benefit the whole community."

Sort'nGrow compost will be available to West Coast residents and businesses beginning September 25, 2024. The Sort'nGrow compost is high in nutrients, and it is best mixed into the soil at a 4:1, soil to compost ratio, for gardens and landscaping.

"We are pleased to be able to launch this program so soon after the West Coast started using Sort'nGo Curbside Pickup," says Jodie Frank, solid waste project coordinator for the ACRD. "For a small fee, West Coast residents now have access to compost that is the result of organic waste material from their communities that was diverted from the landfill."

To promote and celebrate the success of Sort'nGrow, the local landfill staff, Ocean Legacy, and the ACRD initiated the idea to offer residents a 20-litre plastic Sort'nGrow bucket. Each bucket is made from recycled rope and netting collected from the Ocean Legacy Ocean Plastic Depot located at the West Coast Landfill as part of the ongoing partnership. The buckets are multi-purpose and ideal for larger kitchen organic waste collection containers 'kitchen catchers.' The best part is once the buckets are at the end of life, they can be brought back to the Ocean Plastic Depot to get recycled again.

The price of the compost is:

- \$5 per 20-litre bucket when resident bring their own
- \$20 per 20-litre Sort'nGrow bucket (first fill included), supplied by the program
- \$50 per yard (bulk purchase)

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