

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Center recycling program expands



(At left: (L-R) Randy Roehl and Porfy Martinez getting ready to work with the grinder at the R.L Goss Research Farm; middle left: recycled topsoil in the work area; bottom left: Randy, Porfy and Jon Newkirk looking at a new wood pile to be ground up for new chips and compost material; bottom right: Resulting useable compost material pile)

The Facilities, Maintenance and Operations (FMO) department has started a new process for handling downed trees, brush and organic materials. With the aide of a chipper/grinder, the FMO crew can now collect woody materials and stumps up to 15 inches thick and feed it all into the machine. The resulting chipped matter can serve as compost material that can be reused on farm plots and in garden beds around the WSU Puyallup campus.



Andy Bary facilitated collaboration with Pacific Rock and Recycle for the use of an AK-30 chipper/grinder and soil sieve to process wooded debris and reclaim valuable topsoil. The soil sieve allows piles of organic material to be sorted and yield high-grade topsoil that can be recycled for use on Center plots. Randy Roehl and Porfy Martinez are the two main FMO crew members working on this new complete systems sustainable recycling program.



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