

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Annual spring Fecal Fest kicks off at Woodland Park Zoo

WHAT: Compost is hot right now. Get in on the steaming trend with **Zoo Doo**, Woodland Park Zoo's exotic, highly coveted compost. This year, the zoo is celebrating 31 years of offering the richest, most prized compost in the Pacific Northwest. The much-awaited spring Fecal Fest kicks off March 7.

Pick up where the animals left off. Zoo Doo is composed of species feces contributed by the zoo's non-primate herbivores such as hippos, giraffes, mountain goats, tapirs and more, and is perfect to grow veggies and annuals.

Due to a limited supply, Zoo Doo will be available in 5, 32 and 50 gallons only with a maximum of 100 gallons per recipient. Unfortunately, truck loads are not available this spring.

The good news is that Bedspread, the zoo's premium composted mulch, will be available by the truck load. Bedspread is a combination of Zoo Doo, sawdust, and large amounts of wood chips and is used to cushion perennial beds and woody landscapes including rose beds, shrubs and pathways.

The annual spring and fall Fecal Fests attract local gardeners to enter a bid to purchase the exotic, highly-desired Zoo Doo and Bedspread that Dr. Doo, also known as the "Prince of Poo," the "GM of BM" or the "Grand Poopah," has been piling all winter.

Dr. Doo's private reserve of Worm Doo, usually reserved just for the zoo's greenhouse, will also be sold this spring. Worm Doo is worm castings made from Woodland Park Zoo's Zoo Doo compost and zoo coffee grounds. It is an exceptional rich soil and microbial diverse soil amendment recommended for seedlings, potted plants or in the garden. It's been pooped once by exotic herbivores and pooped again by compost loving worms.

Worm Doo will be sold in pint sized containers at the ZooStores for \$10 starting March 7. There will be a limited supply so get it while it lasts.

HOW: Due to the high demand of Zoo Doo, gardening fans must enter a lottery to win the chance to purchase Zoo Doo or Bedspread. To enter, fill out the online form at zoo.org/fecalfest starting March 7. Only one entry per person is eligible for each drawing.

Entries will be selected randomly for as many entrants possible, and only selected entries will be contacted. Phone and mail orders are not accepted.

WHEN: Entries accepted **March 7-March 29**
Pick-up dates take place **April 9-May 1**

PRICES: **Zoo Doo:** 5 gallons \$5; 10 gallons \$10; 25 gallons \$20; 50 gallons \$35. Limited to 100 gallons per recipient. No truckloads. Pint-sized buckets are available at the ZooStore for \$4.95.

Bedspread: Pick-up truck 8x4 bed: \$60; 6x4 bed: \$50; 6x3 bed: \$40. Winners can get up to two full truckloads per person.



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