

COMPOST USE GUIDELINES SUMMARY CHART

PARAMETER	APPLICATION									
	SOIL AMENDMENT					MEDIA COMPONENT		MEDIA	SURFACE APPLICATION	
	Turf	Vegetable Crop	Silviculture	Marginal Soil	Planting Beds	Horticultural Substrate	Blended Topsoil	Sod Production	Landscape Mulch	Erosion Control
pH	5.5 - 8.0	5.0 - 8.0	5.5 - 8.0	5.5 - 8.5	5.5 - 8.0	5.5 - 8.0		5.0 - 8.0	5.5 - 8.0	
Soluble Salt Content	Must report, 4 dS/m max. for soil blend	Must report, 6 dS/m max. for soil blend	Must report		Must report, 2.5 dS/m max. for soil blend	Must report, 3 dS/m maximum for soil blend	Must report, 6 dS/m maximum for soil blend	Must report, 3 dS/m maximum	Must report	
Nutrient Content	Must report					Must report		Must report	Must report	
Water Holding Capacity	Must report					Must report		Must report	Must report	
Bulk Density	Must report					Must report		Must report	Must report	
Moisture Content	35 - 55%					35 - 55%		35 - 55%	35 - 55%	Must report
Organic Matter Content	Must report					Must report		Must report	Must report	
Particle Size	1" minus		Must report		1" minus	1/2" minus	Must report	3/8" minus	Must report	
Stability	Stable to highly stable		Moderately to highly stable		Stable to highly stable	Highly stable	Moderately to highly stable	Stable to highly stable	Moderately to highly stable	Must report
Growth Screening	Must pass					Must pass		Must pass	Must pass	Test not required
Trace Elements/ Heavy Metals	Must meet US EPA Part 503 Exceptional Quality Concentration Limits		Need not meet US EPA Part 503 Exceptional Quality concentration limits	Must meet US EPA Part 503 Exceptional Quality Concentration Limits		Must meet US EPA Part 503 Exceptional Quality Concentration Limits		Must meet US EPA Part 503 Exceptional Quality Concentration Limits	Must meet US EPA Part 503 Exceptional Quality Concentration Limits	