



Composting

Title 12, Chapter 244
Relating to backyard compost

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Composting

- City Goal to be Eco-Focused
“Locally grown food available and chosen”
- Urban Agriculture Recommendation
“Study the potential for more coordinated composting”
- Homegrown Minneapolis
“Support the expansion/development of a composting infrastructure”
- Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
“Minneapolis Backyard Composting rules will guide the emerging local food production efforts”
- Minneapolis Food Council
“Usher in a new era of sustainable local food production”

Stakeholders

- *Russ Henry - Citizens Env. Advisory Committee*
 - *Sarah Sponheim - Citizens Env. Advisory Committee*
 - *Ross Abbey - Citizens Env. Advisory Committee*
 - *Anna Cioffi - Land Stewardship Project*
 - *Nate Watters - Stone's Throw Farm*
 - *Kirsten Saylor - Gardening Matters*
 - *Nadja Berneche - Gardening Matters*
 - *Patsy Parker - Compostodores*
- Lee Waters, Krista Leraas, Sean Alter, Rebecca Harnik,
Rachel Henderson*

Public Service Staff

- *Aly Pennucci - Zoning*
- *June Mathiowetz - Health and Family Support*
- *Ginny Black - MPCA*
- *John Jaimez - Hennepin County*
- *Joann Velde - Housing*
- *Patrick Hanlon - Environmental Services*
- *Robin Garwood - Council Member aide*
- *Cam Gordon - Council Member*

Agreed Upon Changes

- Increase maximum size of compost bins
- Use cubic feet as a measurement of compost
- Establish different maximum sizes for community gardens
- Clarify green treated wood not necessary
- Require compost to be covered with odor reducing layer
- Define materials not permitted
- Make an education requirement a possible means of enforcement.

Enforcement

- No change from present process
- Housing will address aesthetics/structure



- Environmental Services will address odor or nuisance conditions
- No crossing of regulatory requirements between city, county and state

Site Plan Examples

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