

## DECLARATION C: Off-Farm Compost

This declaration is to be provided by the producer of the compost (not a third-party supplier).

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am the producer of the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
(Compost Producer's Name) (Quantity)

Compost provided to \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Organic Operation Name) (Date)

I affirm that this compost:

**1a. Organic compost**

☐ is from a certified organic operation. \_\_\_\_\_  
or (Certification #)

**1b. Non-certified compost (Please check as many as are applicable)**

Compost Pile:

- ☐ has reached 55 degrees Celsius (130 F) for a period of 4 consecutive days or more.
- ☐ has been turned thoroughly to ensure the entire pile has reached temperature.
- ☐ A temperature log has been kept to demonstrate temperatures reached and turning dates.
- ☐ has NOT been stored in contact with or mixed with chemically treated wood
- ☐ Does NOT contain Bedding material that has been sprayed with any long-lasting herbicides such as Picloram, Clopyralid, Aminopyralid (e.g. Grazon, Tordon)
- ☐ Does NOT come from livestock whose feed sources have been sprayed with any long-lasting herbicides such as Picloram, Clopyralid, Aminopyralid (e.g. Grazon, Tordon)

Compost Contains the following feedstocks:

- ☐ Waxed cardboard or cardboard that has been impregnated with fungicide or prohibited substances.
- ☐ Garbage
- ☐ Animal carcasses or by-products
- ☐ Compost starter
- ☐ Sewage sludge
- ☐ Leather by-products
- ☐ Glossy paper
- ☐ Paper containing colored ink (other than paper yard waste bags)
- ☐ Manure and/or animal bedding mixed with manure

Please include:

1. a list of feedstocks and their sources (to confirm compliance with PSL Table 4.2 Compost feedstocks)

**Note:** Compost obtained from non-farm sources shall comply with the following. Documentation and testing may be requested.

1. shall not exceed the maximum acceptable levels of arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead and mercury (mg/kg) and foreign matter outlined for unrestricted use compost (Category A), as specified in Guidelines for Compost Quality published by Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME);
2. shall meet criteria for acceptable levels (MPN/g total solids) of human pathogens as specified in Guidelines for Compost Quality published by CCME;

**Please note:**

If this compost contains manure, please be sure to also complete Declaration M – manure.

Additional comments: (if applicable)

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Signature of Producer

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Phone Number

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*The purpose of this form is to help organic enterprises assess the appropriateness of various inputs and to meet audit trail requirements of the Canadian Organic Standards as written documentation is required for all inputs brought onto organic farms. Filling out this form does not make a particular input acceptable. All manure must be approved for use by your Certification Committee. It is the CO Operation's responsibility to annually ensure that this declaration is valid and remains on file. Please refer to the Canadian Organic Standards for detailed information regarding inputs use.*