

Low Nutrient Compost Specification “C” from Naturcycle LLC

1. Soil Amendments – Compost

Compost is the product manufactured through the controlled aerobic, biological decomposition of biodegradable materials. The product has undergone mesophilic and thermophilic temperatures, which significantly reduces the viability of pathogens and weed seeds, and stabilizes the carbon such that it is beneficial to plant growth. Compost should meet or exceed all requirements to distribute in the state in which it is produced, as well as come from a facility that is registered and/or permitted by the appropriate state regulatory agency.

Required Ranges	Test	Test Method**	Units
< 4.00%	Total N	TMECC 04.02-D	% Dry Weight Basis
< 2.00%	Total P	TMECC 04.03-A	% Dry Weight Basis
6.5 to 8.0	pH	TMECC 04.11-A	pH
< 2.00	Soluble Salts	TMECC 04.10-A	dS/m (mmhos/cm)
20 - 65%	Moisture Content	TMECC 03.09-A	% Wet Weight Basis
20 - 55%	Organic Matter Content	TMECC 05.07-A	% Dry Weight Basis
Percent Emergence:			
> 85%	Maturity	TMECC 05.05-A	% Relative to Positive Control
Vigor:			
> 90%	Maturity	TMECC 05.05-A	% Relative to Positive Control
“Stable or Very Stable”	Stability	TMECC 05.08-B	mg CO ₂ -C/g OM per day
> 80%	Particle Size^^	TMECC 02.02-B	% Dry Weight Basis
Pass	Pathogen	TMECC 07.01-B	Pass/Fail
Pass	Trace Metals	TMECC 04.06	Pass/Fail
< 0.50%	Foreign Material	TMECC 03.08-A	% by Weight

Recommended Additional Test for Phosphorus Runoff Potential

800	Water Extractable Phosphorus	<i>See below+</i>	ppm, Dry Weight Basis
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**All methods are from the Test Methods for the Evaluation of Compost and Composting (TMECC).

^^Particle size is based on passing a 9.5mm screen roughly 3/8” (95% plus passing is common).

+ As conducted by Pennsylvania State University Agricultural Analytics Laboratory

Per Water Extractable Phosphorus, 1:100 (solids:water) extraction. The reference method is, Kleinman, P., D. Sullivan, A. Wolf, R. Brandt, Z. Dou, H. Elliott, J. Kovar, A. Leytem, R. Maguire, P. Moore, L. Saporito, A. Sharpley, A. Shober, T. Sims, J. Toth, G. Toor, H. Zhang, T. Zhang. 2007. Selection of a water extractable phosphorus test for manures and biosolids as an indicator of runoff loss potential. J. Environ. Qual. 36: 1357-1367

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Standard of Compost Quality:

1. Standard of quality shall be Naturcycle Compost™ as distributed by:
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www.naturcycle.com or (315) 707-8955

Or Architect/Engineer approved equal.

2. Approved compost must demonstrate involvement in the US Composting Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) Program via a certified independent analysis as provided by a laboratory participating in the STA Program. A recent (within 90 days of project start) STA Technical Data Sheet is required to be submitted prior to shipment of compost.

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