Compost log: Hot Composting



- Internal temperature should be read at least 131 degrees for three days, then turned two times and reach 131 degrees after each turn at least.
- Do not let the pile get above 140 degrees
- The pile should then be cured for 3 months
- Note: The pile needs to be three cubic feet in size for doing hot compost and you will need to adjust the C:N ratio to reach the required temperatures to kill pathogens, and minimize flies and other pests. Consult your OSU extension office for more guidance.
- Composting thermometer used should be regularly calibrated. Use this form for documenting when you calibrate the thermometer. See staff training guide for details.

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Retain for current plus three following years