



Compost Site Visit Notes

08/15/2019

In attendance: Eric, Gabe, Anna, Andy (part-time),
Mark King (DEP), Kenny (part-time)

Facts & Info:

1.5 dump body truck holds 2-3 cu yards

6 wheel dump truck holds 3-8 cu yards

Triaxle holds 8-20 cu yards

Ideal starter pile would be 20-30 cu yards

Min pile would be 10-15 cu yards

Bait box cardboard can be shredded if no toxic
glue or staples

Hay-buster PTO-driven shredder would be ideal
for everything to go through before it's added to
the pile

Commercial shredder could be purchased for
around \$2-3k

Shredding would accelerate composting process

Up to 15% of the pile can be shredded compost

A "file pile" would be it's own thing and need to
be turned more aggressively

Fish can be added to the regular pile in limited
quantities

Add 6 cu ft compost per 1000 square ft of garden
area

Best to add compost in the fall to set soils up for
readiness in the spring

Sell 3x/year

1 bucket load (backhoe) = 1 pickup load, sell for
\$30 load (= \$30/yard)

\$2.50 per bucket = 1 cu ft

\$5 per bag

Process Info:

10-15 cu yard static pile would have 4 dump sites:
north, south, east, west

Dump at each site weekly and cover with 12" of
cover

After 4 weeks (1 week per site), mix/turn the pile,
then begin process again

Go two cycles (8 weeks total), then cure for 4
weeks for a total process time of 12 weeks

Might take less time to create a pile in the
summer, might have to use two dump sites per
week so turning would happen every 2 weeks
rather than 4, so a pile would be ready to cure
after 4 weeks, curing would take 4 weeks for a
total process time of 8 weeks

Test finished compost (after each batch initially)

Screened compost is more valuable, screen with
large-scale trap wire screen

Tarp piles with [Compostex](#)

Brochure/Fact Sheet contains story/pitch, how-
tos/dos and don'ts, analysis, suggested uses, how
the process works, what it saves for \$\$

Tell the Numbers Story

Need gate and jersey barriers up at site with signs
to keep folks away from production site
NO DUMPING sign

Contacts:

ecomaine - compost pails

Jeff Magaun(?) Waste Management, Norridgewock - source for FREE(?) 5 gallon pails, counter-top pails, and
34-60 gallon carts