Food Scrap Composting at Community Gardens Pilot Project

Site Inspection Form

Community Garden			Representative contact:
			Phone number: Email:
Address			Town/Zip
Date of Inspection:	Time:		Inspector:
Nature of Inspection (circle one):	Initial/Site	Routine	Re-Inspection Requested Complaint

	Yes	No	NA	Comments
Site Management	163	140	IVA	Comments
Compost Site Manager designated?				
Compost Team established?				
Food Scrap Collection				
Sawdust or other carbon material used for				
cover				
Collection times posted?				
Participants informed of acceptable				
materials?				
Collection monitored by Compost Team				
volunteer(s)				
Are food scraps mixed into tumbler or bin				
within 2 hours after arrival?				

	Yes	No	NA	Comments
Site Layout				
Set-backs				
From residences				
Best Management Practices for site.				
Recommended—3-10 feet from side &				
back lot property lines & 10 feet from the				
front lot property line, particularly if				
abutting a residential building.				
Composting activities should be screened				
from view from the public and adjacent				
neighbors using plants, trellis or fencing.				
The compost activities must be carefully				
monitored so as to not be a neighborhood				
nuisance.				
From wells/potable water sources				
Best Management Practices for site.				
The site should be operated in a manner				
which prevents leachate from draining				
near wells/potable water sources &				
through placement of bins/piles as far				
away as possible from water sources				
From water bodies				
Best Management Practices for site.				
The site should be operated in a manner				
which prevents leachate from draining into				
water bodies, through placement of				
bins/piles as far away as possible from				
water bodies & floodplains, and through				
use of biofilters, swales, etc. around the				
compost area.				
Enclosure				
Is compost area fenced?				
Is fencing recommended?				

General		
The composting area is clean & appears to		
be properly managed?		
Year-round access for composting?		
Water source nearby?		
Carbon Materials Onsite		
Adequate carbon materials onsite?		
Carbon materials stored appropriately?		

Signage (X)	Comments	
Place an X by the sign type that corresponds with the signage in place at the composting site.		
Acceptable materials Active composting Curing Finished compost		

Composting Method (X)	Comments
Place an X by the type listed which corresponds with the method of composting being used at the facility at the time of the inspection.	
Enclosed Tumbler Compost Bin(s) - commercial Compost Bin(s) - built Aerated piles Windrows Shed Other (Describe)	

	Yes	No	NA	Comments
Management Records				
Aeration				
Are composting materials maintained				
under aerobic conditions at all times?				
Is there adequate turning or aeration of				
materials?				
Temperature				
Temperature monitored & recorded				
during active composting phase?				
Hot composting (PFRP) achieved?				
Tonnages Recorded				
Log book set up				
Food received weighed & recorded				
Finished compost weighed & recorded				

	Yes	No	NA	Comments
Issues				
Odors				
Vermin				
Drainage/Leachate				
Other (describe)				

Recommendations/Additional Observations (Attach photos, as appropriate):