

SZCG Policy RE: Composting

May 2019

Over a period of several years, the South Zone Community Garden (SZCG) has considered and experimented with several options for handling waste plant material that is generated at the garden. A policy for the permanent management and use of compost within the SZCG established as follows:

Number and Location of Permanent Compost Piles

- Five permanent compost pile locations are designated at the South Zone Community Garden.
- Locations of the permanent compost piles will be marked with clear and visible signage.
- The permanent compost locations are:
 - Location 1: Beyond Plot K14 (to the South East)
 - Location 2: Plots O21-23
 - Location 3: Beyond Plot A14 (to the South East)
 - Location 4: Beyond Plot R14 (to the South East)
 - Location 5: Beyond Plot C23 (to the North West)
- Plant and other organic material may not be placed on the ground in other locations.

Permitted Materials in the Compost Piles

- Plant material, including grass and weeds, may be placed in the designated compost piles.
- Garbage and inorganic material (such as plastic bags, twine, wood, metal, rocks, etc.) is not permitted in the compost piles.
- Plant or other organic material from outside the community garden is not permitted.

Management and Use of the Compost

- A contractor will be hired to turn and gather the compost piles at least once per year.
- Compost piles may be turned and gathered more than once per year, as needed and as resources permit.
- Finished compost may be used in moderation by current gardeners.
- Compost may not be removed from the community garden area.

Individual Composting

- Individual composting piles and structures are permitted on garden plots, provided that the compost piles/structures are contained within the boundaries of each renter's plot.
- On annual garden plots, structures and piles must be removed by the end of September each year.
- On perennial garden plots, the structures and piles may remain in place year-round.

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