

TOWN OF MINNEDOSA – POLICY 002OPR

COMPOST POLICY

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BACKGROUND

The town has recognized that the collection of yard waste has become a concern due to the high volume of grass clippings, leaves, trees and branches that are included in with the regular household garbage during the spring, summer, and fall months. The bags of yard waste are difficult to compress and as well, the additional volume of waste fills the garbage truck much faster and requires more trips to the landfill. This concern along with the fact that this type of waste should not be put into the landfill has resulted in the development of a composting program.

PURPOSE

To develop a new program that is deemed to be environmentally prudent as well as financially sustainable.

The program consists of:

- a) Diverting yard waste and organic material from the landfill
- b) Reducing the cost of garbage collection by separating yard waste and organic material from other residential garbage prior to collection
- c) Developing an alternative process for the collection and disposal of yard waste and organic material
- d) Developing convenient compost sites and appropriate procedures for the proper management of the compost process
- e) Producing compost material that can be utilized by the town for beautification purposes
- f) Reducing the cost of purchasing soil/wood chips by producing our own.

METHOD

- a) The Town will develop 3 compost sites that will be situated conveniently for area residents to drop off their yard waste. An additional large site will remain at the landfill.
- b) The Town will provide special collection or clean up days in the spring and in the fall for the collection and transportation of yard waste to the compost sites.

- c) The rest of the time, residents are asked to support this project by hauling or having someone else haul their yard waste to the compost sites (*Frontier Employment Services are available to assist residents at a nominal cost???*)
- d) The sites will be set up with an area designated for the proper disposal of the yard waste (i.e. branches in one-area, leaves and grass clippings in another, etc.)
- e) Residents should empty any yard's wastes transported in plastic bags (the bags can then be reused or placed in the container for used bags)
- f) The Town will be responsible for the management of the compost operation that will include regular turning or mulching of the leaves and grass, chipping of the branches etc.
- g) The resulting compost will be first utilized by the Town for beautification purposes and any additional material will be made available to the public