

# **REQUEST FOR ANALYSIS (RFA)**

## **Composts, Manure, Growing Media 2022**

### Please call ahead if requesting test package is not listed below



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TO PAY ONLINE CLICK HERE: https://solvita.com/product/compost-testing/							
TYPE OF MATERIAL	ID YOU WILL USE	INGREDIENTS		DATE SAMPLED	#101 Standard Quality (\$225) #110 Premium (\$375) #202 Plant Response (\$250) #710a Best Use Classification (\$625) OTHER (see p2, please specify):		
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### **2022 COMPOST QUALITY ANALYSES**

Quality and Potential Interaction of Carbon Containing Amendments with the Soil and Plant Environment

<u>NEW INTEGRATED ANALYSES</u>: (for composts, organic fertilizers, carbon compounds)

Below are suggested categories of quality analyses that may be selected for processed soil amendment and compost materials you wish to have evaluated at Woods End Laboratories.

CATEGORIES (must select category for Sample Request Form on p1):

- 1. <u>STANDARD QUALITY</u>: (Code #101 \$225) *Basic integrated* and *practical* compost quality test. This test is designed to reveal overall balance of ingredients both physically and biologically, indicating both completeness of composting (maturity, volatile ammonia) and C:N ratio. Tests include: wet density, total solids, moisture, water holding capacity, pH, free carbonates, conductivity (EC), total organic matter, total nitrogen, C:N, ash content, Solvita® Maturity Index.
- 2. PREMIUM ANALYSIS: (Code #110 \$375) Comprehensive Quality Test. Includes all Basic Components (#101 above ) plus total minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg), soluble nitrogen (Ammonium and Nitrate), Trace Elements/Metals: Cu, Mn, Fe, Pb, Cr, Cd, Ni. Does <u>not</u> include EPA Metals Hg, As, Se, Mo.
- 3. PLANT RESPONSE: (Code #202 \$250) An excellent test to reveal diverse plant response. This integrated plant bioassay provides essential information for quality of growth of 3 different plant genera (Garden Cress, Wheat-Grass and Red Clover) from germination to emergence and early growth, and the presence of potentially harmful herbicidal residue and the calculated risk groups for plant growing. Also includes quantity of germinable weed seeds.
- 4. PREMIUM AND BEST USE CLASSIFICATION: (Code #710a \$625) Used for Compost Quality Certification. A robust protocol combining test data and a mathematical-array procedure to statistically validate a product for its highest and best-use potential. This test combines the above test categories of Standard Quality and Plant Response (#101, #202) used as input to a horticultural matrix-array which selects one of 5 Use-Groups as the one that scores the best, showing 2<sup>nd</sup> place and statistical score. A well-proven means to identify the probable best-use category of any growing-media product.

#### 5. ADDITIONAL OR INDIVIDUAL TESTS:

- Solvita Maturity Index (Code #105 \$25): 4 hr CO2 respiration and NH3 with CMI calculation
- Total Carbon (Code #113a \$30): for Carbon sequestration and more accurate C:N calculation
- Multi-Day CO2 Respiration (Code #106 IR \$125): IRTH® 24hr to 4-day CO2 respiration, 1 reading
- Particle Size Sieve, Level 1 (Code #109 \$75): sieving of compost fractions from 3/8" to 2mm.
- Man-Made Inerts Level 2 (Code #Inerts \$225): sieve test of particle sizes from 3/4" down to 2mm. Size Groups and Man-Made Inerts Classification (Percentage in plastic, metal, glass, debris).
- Dewar Self-Heating (Code #203 \$125): 5-day self-heating test, European standard

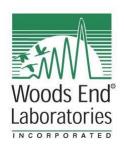
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#### SAMPLE PILES THOROUGHLY! **Source Of Sample Shipping Containers:** Use your chosen search engine or go to: A. Sampling Windrows\* - www.uline.com 1-800-295-5510 -Mix pile as normal - Thermosafe.com 1-866-484-4394 -Remove samples along edge in Place in bag; 5-10 spots add ice-paks; ship to lab Composite Mix Well SAMPLES **B. Sampling Not-Well Mixed Piles** -Cut into pile - Take samples from side exposed edge Shipper Container : - Cut into next (See detail,/next page) Styrofoam + ice paks location, etc. with sample inserted. Place in bag; Composite add ice-paks; Mix Well ship to lab

A. Well Mixed Piles\* (turned within 4 hours): Take 5 sub-samples each from each side of pile; mix-well in bucket and remove 1-gallon and ship to lab in cardboard/styrofoam containers with ice-packs.

<u>B: Not Well-Mixed piles:</u> Cut cross-section with loader; take 5-sub-samples each from side-wall of cut; repeat operation at 3-5 other locations; remove 1-gallon and ship to lab with ice-packs.



\* Note - for sealed piles such as Polyflex or Gore-Tex material must be sampled as in Figure A. Double the number of sub- samples to make a composite if no mixing has been done.

#### **SEND SAMPLES TO:**

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