

City of Burnsville, MN

CHAPTER 10
COMPOSTING

7-10-1: GENERAL RULE:

Every householder or owner, occupant, or tenant of any premises who composts shall do so in an environmentally sound manner, and shall meet the standards set forth in this chapter. (Ord. 867, 1-6-2003)

7-10-2: CONTAINERS:

Compostable materials shall be placed within a container of durable material including, but not limited to, wire fencing, rot resistant wood, or brick, or a commercially manufactured container designed for composting. Containers shall be maintained in sound condition and shall be capable of securing all compostable material. (Ord. 867, 1-6-2003)

7-10-3: LOCATION OF CONTAINERS:

Compost containers shall be located entirely on the owner's property. The structure shall not be located within the front yard and shall not be located within five feet (5') of a side or rear lot line, or within twenty feet (20') of a pond, lake, river, swale, or ditch. (Ord. 867, 1-6-2003)

7-10-4: MAXIMUM SIZE:

A compost container shall not exceed thirty (30) square feet in area on lots less than nine thousand (9,000) square feet and shall not exceed fifty (50) square feet in area of nine thousand (9,000) square feet or more. Unless the composting structure is a commercial product particularly manufactured for composting purposes, the height of the container and the compostable material stored in the container shall not exceed five feet (5'). (Ord. 867, 1-6-2003)

7-10-5: MAINTENANCE:

Compost containers and compostable materials shall be maintained so as not to create odors, rodent harborage, or a fire hazard. Compost shall be turned over and mixed within the container in order to keep the material aerated, to minimize odor generation and promote effective decomposition of material whereby it will not create a public nuisance. (Ord. 867, 1-6-2003)

7-10-6: MATERIALS ALLOWED:

Only acceptable materials generated from the legal boundaries of the site of the containment shall be allowed into the containment structure. "Acceptable materials" means plant materials consisting of grass clippings, leaves, weeds, small twigs, evergreen cones and needles, wood chips, herbaceous garden debris and commercial ingredients (mixed into the composting material) specifically designed to speed or enhance decomposition. Kitchen wastes, such as eggshells, coffee grounds, chopped vegetables, and fruit remains are also acceptable. (Ord. 867, 1-6-2003)

7-10-7: MATERIALS NOT ALLOWED:

None of the following materials shall be placed in the compost container: meat, bones, fat, oil, dairy products, plastic, synthetic fibers, human or pet waste, and diseased plants or plants treated with pesticides. (Ord. 867, 1-6-2003)