

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide London residents with guidelines for proper composting within London Community Gardens.

Scope

This policy applies to all Gardeners who have plots on municipally owned Community Gardens and who are conducting composting.

Policy

Composting is allowed within London Community Gardens, however all composting practices must adhere to the following standards.

- No open compost piles are allowed on the Community Garden as they can attract unwelcome rodents and pests.
- Compost must be stored in an enclosed compost bin that is responsibly constructed and located in an open area in the garden, as approved by the Coordinating Agency.
- The lid and base of the bin must fit tightly and there can be no openings greater than .6 cm (¼ inch) anywhere in the container.
- Gardeners are prohibited from putting anything in the bin that attracts pests, such as meat, dairy, breads or grains or that is hazardous to one's health, such as pet droppings.
- Gardeners are prohibited from bringing table scraps and other materials from home to put into Community Garden compost bins.
- Gardeners must stir or turn over the compost at least once a week to create airflow and speed up the process of decay.
- It is prohibited to allow compost to overflow from the compost container.
- Compost debris that will not fit into the compost bin should be bagged and left for roadside pickup at the garden based on the Yard Materials Collection schedule for as identified in the City of London's Waste Reduction and Conservation Calendar.
- All compost must be cleared from the Community Garden by November 30th of each calendar year.
- People who do not have a plot in the Community Garden are prohibited from using the Community Garden composting bins.



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Procedures

Community Gardeners should review all Composting Guidelines and Information on the Coordinating Agency's website.