



Announcing

COMPOST'S GIANTS - The 8th Annual Great Pumpkin Growing Contest

Shovels and planters on the mark!

Sign up!

GROW!

Welcome to a little bit of friendly competition. It's time to grow giant pumpkins!

As a participant in this year's contest, you will join an enthusiastic and growing crowd of composters whose objective is to *Grow 'em Big with Compost!* The heaviest pumpkin at the time of weigh-in will be this year's national champion of the pumpkin patch!

As the winner, you will receive bragging rights as well as \$500 to donate to a horticultural initiative in your area. You will also receive a complementary registration to The Composting Council of Canada's National Conference in 2010.

In addition to these rules and regulations, your sign-up kit provides you with an excellent source of websites to learn about the fine art of pumpkin growing. This year we will be providing seeds of "Dill's Atlantic Giant" with our starter packages.

The rules of our contest are as follow:

1. Use only compost to prepare your soil (no chemical fertilizers/supplements allowed).
2. No force feeding of nutrients through the vines.
3. The pumpkin must be grown outdoors. (Seeds can be germinated inside and transplanted outside in the early spring.)
4. Send a quick update to The Council at the beginning of each month for inclusion on our website. Photos of your garden and growing success are very much welcome.
5. Weigh-in is scheduled for **Friday, September 25th, 2009**. Each participant must phone in their results to The Council's office (1-877-571-GROW) followed by a fax report and photo, signed by a local municipal official or horticultural group for verification.

In accordance with worldwide rules, at the time of weigh-in, a specimen must be healthy and completely undamaged. Vine must be trimmed to one inch (2.5 cm) from the stem (stalk) of the fruit. Foreign material may not be included in the weighing. To enforce, the judges may x-ray the specimen. No carrying device may be included in the weighing.

Specimens of equal weight will be declared co-winners. Weights will be recorded in quarter (1/4) kilogram increments (round down to next lowest quarter kg.).

Registration Form – Fax Back to 416-536-9892

NAME: _____
 AFFILIATION: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ PROV: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____
 EMAIL: _____

REGISTRATION FEES

YES! I would like to enter the 8th Annual Great Pumpkin Growing Contest: **\$25.00 (+GST/HST)**

(The cost of registration includes one package of Howard Dill's Atlantic Giant Pumpkin Seeds.)

GST Registration #R136167533

METHOD OF PAYMENT

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

- Cheque or Money Order (Payable to The Composting Council of Canada)
- Please charge \$_____ to my VISA or MasterCard

Account Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Card Holder's Name (please print): _____

Card Holder's Signature: _____

For additional information, please visit www.compost.org or call 1-877-571-4769