



Announcing

COMPOST'S GIANTS - The 25th Annual Great Pumpkin Growing Contest
Get ready to GROW!

Welcome to this great, but very friendly, competition!

As a participant in this year's contest, you will join an enthusiastic and growing crowd of organics recyclers (compost AND anaerobic digestion professionals, that is) 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.

In addition to these rules and regulations, your sign-up kit provides you with an excellent source of websites and tips to learn about the fine art of pumpkin growing. This year we will once again be providing seeds of "Dill's Atlantic Giant" with our starter packages with seeds from pumpkins 1000 lbs +! Each of these packages has only two seeds, but your chances of growing impressive pumpkins will be very high...

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. It would be great if you could 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 **Monday October 5, 2026**. Each participant must phone in their results to The Council's office (1-877-571-GROW) followed by report by email (info@compost.org) including a photo of the pumpkin, and a form signed by a local municipal official or horticultural group for verification. **All the info is due on the weigh-in date!**

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 – Email back to info@compost.org

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

REGISTRATION FEES

YES! I would like to enter the 25th Annual 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 Compost Council of Canada)
- Please charge \$_____ to my VISA or MasterCard

Account Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CVV: _____

Card Holder's Name (please print): _____

Card Holder's Signature: _____

Card Holder's Email address: _____

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