

Compost Council of Canada Introduces Community-Focused Compost Quality Alliance to Strengthen Soil Health and Local Stewardship

April 22, 2026: The **Compost Council of Canada** today announced an expanded, community-centered emphasis within its national **Compost Quality Alliance (CQA)** program, supporting the growing movement of neighbourhood-scale composting initiatives across the country.

The CQA — Canada’s leading compost testing and certification program — provides standardized, science-based analysis of compost quality, helping producers meet regulatory requirements while also guiding the best use of their finished compost based on its agronomic value. Building from a base where close to 50% of Canada’s compost is now tested through the CQA program, the program’s accessibility is being broadened so that smaller-scale composters can benefit from the same rigorous, science-based quality testing framework.

“Whether at home, at work, or at play, recycling organics and using compost are among the most inspiring expressions of climate action and soil care today,” said Susan Antler, Executive Director, Compost Council of Canada. “As we deepen organics recycling efforts across Canadian society, neighbourhood composting programs are expanding as communities and businesses seek local climate solutions, reducing and redirecting waste to higher values while, equally importantly, supporting healthier soils. The Compost Quality Alliance can help compost programs of all sizes build both consumer and regulatory trust, strengthening compost’s soil-building impact within our communities with clarity and confidence.”

The CQA evaluates compost against both regulatory requirements as well as key agronomic attributes including pH, particle size, organic matter and important nutritional values. The CQA’s expanded approach to recognize the specific dynamics of community composting and make this respected quality testing program easily accessible creates the opportunity for all compost producers, regardless of size, to tell the story of their compost with clarity, consistency, pride and consumer confidence.

For further details about the program and how to become involved, please contact The Compost Council of Canada, emailing info@compost.org or calling (647) 655-8759.

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About the Compost Council of Canada

The **Compost Council of Canada** is the national non-profit organization dedicated to advancing organics recycling, compost quality, soil health, and climate-positive resource management. Through training, advocacy, research, and community partnerships, the Council supports organics recyclers of all sizes in building a healthier, more sustainable Canada.

The **Compost Quality Alliance** is a voluntary program established by the Compost Council of Canada and the compost producers utilizing standardized testing methodologies and uniform operating protocols to improve customer confidence in compost selection and utilization.

The Community Composting Program of the CQA involves focus on feedstocks, process and finished compost testing, done at a scale and within timeframes that mirror the scale and operational dynamics of the specific program. For those interested in becoming involved, please contact The Council.