

## Annual Coordination Meeting with Cedar Grove Composting

**Date:** September 29, 2010

**Attendance:** Nick Harbert, Jeff Borgida, Janet Prichard, & Don Frey

Location: Cedar Grove Composting, Everett, WA

After touring this modern facility and getting a better understanding of the process we met to update our lists of acceptable compostable materials. After this review we agreed to update our educational outreach materials and our Web Sites. (See list attached)

**Key contaminations** continue to include plastics, in particular **plastic bags**. It is clear that our educational outreach must include information about avoiding the use of plastic bags in the Yard Waste/Food Waste source collection process. Bio bags are acceptable and the use of this bag is increasing in the stream. Another item that is becoming a problem is **broken glass**. We must include information about this dangerous commodity in this waste stream.

**New materials** that can be included in the collection of this waste stream are included in the attached approved list.

### **Operational matters beneficial to customers:**

Cedar Grove Composting is working with Bailey Compost, 12711 Springhetti Road, Snohomish, WA 98296, 360-568-8826, [baileycompost@gmail.com](mailto:baileycompost@gmail.com) to obtain their permit to handle food waste in the yard waste. When obtained Cedar Grove will coordinate the East County volume to this facility which will have a huge impact on our carbon footprint due to the savings in fuel.

We ask that Snohomish County facilitate the material exchange to between Waste Management and Allied Waste's transfer facilities to achieve an even more significant reduction in carbon footprint again due to the savings in fuel.

## Cedar Grove Acceptable Compost Materials List

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### Acceptable Materials

Green waste-vegetation-comprised largely of organic wastes such as leaves, weeds, plants, flowers, and lawn and shrub clippings, resulting from upkeep of yards, gardens, lawns, parks, and other areas. Green waste may also include natural wood and pruning.

Land clearing vegetation -stumps, tree trunks, branches, leaves, woody pruning and other woody vegetation, (less than 4' long and 4" in diameter).

### **Paper and cardboard**

Clean wood waste- unpainted and unpreserved lumber and wood waste, particleboard, plywood, and pallets

### **Food Waste:**

Pre and Post-consumer food waste, including: meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, bones, egg & dairy products, fruits, vegetables, grains and coffee grounds.

Food Soiled Paper including: Kitchen paper towels and napkins, uncoated paper take-out containers, plates and cups, pizza delivery boxes, waxed paper, waxed cardboard.

### Unacceptable Materials

Dairy waste, biosolids, biosolids derived products, gypsum waste, gypsum waste paper, animal manure, fertilizer, demolition debris, painted wood, preserved wood, stained wood, waterproofed wood, creosote treated wood, chemically contaminated wood, plastic laminate, vector wastes, sewage, septage, hazardous wastes, and contaminated soils.

Plastic, glass, metal, cork, burlap, coated take-out containers, cups and plates, Styrofoam, wire, rubber bands, grease, liquids, restroom tissues and paper towels, & pet waste.