

PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION WHILE COMPOSTING on AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS



Composting sites must be no closer than 15 metres from a watercourse or 30 metres from a well.

Agricultural waste must be composted:

- So that it does NOT cause pollution and
- On the farm where it is to be used, either from agricultural wastes from that farm, or wastes from another farm.

PRACTICAL HINT: POLLUTION CAN BE CONSIDERED A SITUATION WHERE THE WATER IS LIKELY OR HAS BECOME:

1. DIRTY IN APPEARANCE,
2. HAS A FILM,
3. HAS AN ODOUR, OR
4. NOT DRINKABLE.

OTHER PRACTICAL HINTS: THE PRESENCE OF OPEN WATER NEAR A SITE SHOULD RESULT IN MORE STRINGENT CONTROL OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE

Mortalities may be composted on the farm where the animal has died.

Agricultural waste for mushroom medium must be composted:

- So that it does NOT cause pollution, and
- Only on the farm where it is to be used.

Failure to meet any of these individual requirements could result in the imposition of an Administrative Penalty of up to \$40,000.