



### How to Take a Compost Sample:

- Take several samples from 15-25cm into the pile, halfway between the top and the ground.
- Mix the cores together.
- Place **2 cups** or 500g of this mixture in a sealable sandwich-size plastic bag.
- Complete the sample information on the Submission Form with as many details as possible.
- Mark each of your samples with its Sample ID.
- Pack your samples and mark your sample pack clearly with your name and address.
- Send your sample pack to SFI by **courier or overnight express post**. We must receive samples within 3 days to do Active Bacteria and Active Fungi assays. **Please Note:** SFI cannot guarantee the timely analysis of samples that arrive on Friday or a day preceding a holiday.
- Allow a maximum of 15 working days for receipt of final report.

#### Submitter's Mailing Address (report mailed here)

#### Billing Address (if different)

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode, (Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode, (Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick if you would like to receive our FREE newsletter and any other promotional material

**Total Cost:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ inc GST (= SFI Service Pack cost + optional sample CA-PACK costs)

### Payment Method:

Credit Card:

Card# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_ / \_\_

Master Card

VISA

**Name and address on card if different than billing address above:**

Cheque / Money Order made out to Soil Foodweb Institute (enclosed)

Direct Transfer (EFT)

BPay

On account (Subject to approved credit application)

# COMPOST Sample Information

<b>Sample ID</b> <small>(please mark your sample/s clearly with these number/s)</small>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vermi or Thermal</b> <small>(circle one)</small>	Vermi   Thermal	Vermi   Thermal	Vermi   Thermal
<b>Compost Age</b> <small>(eg. New, peak temp)</small>			
<b>Starting Materials</b>			
<b>Date sample taken</b>			
<b>Crop(s) to be applied to</b>			
<b>Highest temp, Duration</b>			
<b>Number of times turned</b>			
<b>How often water added</b>			
<b>Oxygen &amp; temperature data</b>			
<b>Other notes/smell</b>			
<b>Chemistry (optional)</b> <small>(tick one, if required – see below for details)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> CA-PACK-001 (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> CA-PACK-001 with CA-OPT-004 (\$ 209)	<input type="checkbox"/> CA-PACK-001 (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> CA-PACK-001 with CA-OPT-004 (\$ 209)	<input type="checkbox"/> CA-PACK-001 (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> CA-PACK-001 with CA-OPT-004 (\$ 209)
<b>Cost of this sample</b> <small>(= cost of any chemistry required)</small>	\$	\$	\$

## Submission Report / Service Pack

Tick service required:

**SFI Starter Pack:** A\$250.00 inc. GST       **Report:** A\$50.00 inc. GST

This pack contains one Total Foodweb analysis. This compost analysis report enables the grower to know whether the compost is suitable for the successful growing of their chosen crop. It delivers key indicators as to the quality of the compost.

For an extra \$50.00 SFI will include an interpretative report that discusses aspects that are highlighted in the report and suggests measures that may be undertaken to tailor your compost to your chosen crop.

**SFI Starter Pack Plus:** A\$750.00 inc. GST

This includes one total food web analysis. This package has an additional two (2) total Foodweb analyses carried out at appropriate times during the year so that you may monitor your progress and tweak your action plan. At no extra charge you will also receive our popular 'Compost Tea Brewing manual' publication valued at A\$55.00 free of charge.

**SFI Basic Package:** A\$1,000.00 inc. GST

This includes one total food web analysis supported by a written report detailing our findings and suggested measures for you to undertake to help improve your compost. This package has an additional four (4) Qualitative Assessments carried out at appropriate times during the year so that you may monitor your progress and tweak your action plan. You are also eligible for two (2) brief phone consultations to discuss the reports in depth and any key issues you might have. At no extra charge you will also receive our popular 'Brewing Compost Tea' manual valued at A\$55.00 free of charge.

**SFI Professional Package:** A\$1,500.00 inc. GST

This includes one total food web analysis supported by a written report detailing our findings and suggested measures for you to undertake to help improve your compost. This package has an additional six (6) Qualitative Assessments carried out at appropriate times during the year so that you may monitor your progress and tweak your action plan. You are also eligible for three (3) phone consultations to discuss the reports in depth and any key issues you might have. At no extra charge you will also receive our popular 'Brewing Compost Tea' manual valued at A\$55.00 free of charge.

**SFI Premium Package:** A\$4500.00 inc. GST

This package is tailored to meet the specific needs of the grower and delivers not only compost analyses but also intensive mentoring from an appointed SFI representative for the term of the contract. Advice will be given on matters of site selection, raw materials and equipment. A general year-long program for building the soil food web in compost will be created and supplied to the grower. Biological and chemical testing will be performed on the as necessary. On going interactions with the SFI representative will ensure you are able to remain on track to reach the desired outcomes painlessly.

## Information on chemistry testing available for a sample:

<b>CA-PACK-001</b>	<b>COMPOST ACID EXTRACTABLE NUTRIENTS</b> – Includes Moisture, pH, EC; Total Nitrogen(TN), Total Carbon(TC); Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Sulfur, Silicon, Cobalt, Molybdenum, Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Copper and Boron.
<b>CA-OPT-004</b>	<b>COMPOST AVAILABLE NUTRIENTS (using soil methodology)</b> - Includes Available Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Ammonia, Nitrate, Phosphate, Sulfur; Matter; Exchangable Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Hydrogen, Aluminium, Cation Exchange Capacity; Bray I and II Phosphorus; Available and Extractable Phosphorus; Colwell Phosphorus; Available Micronutrients Zinc, Manganese, Iron, Copper, Boron, Silicon.