



# CIRC: Controls Intended to Remove Contamination

## COMPOSTER & HAULER ENGAGEMENT

Without composters to process material and haulers to collect and deliver it to them, organics diversion is not possible. Working closely with these stakeholders to ensure that all requirements are being met is the key to contaminant-free organics streams.

The COMPOSTER & HAULER section of the scorecard is divided up into the following sections:

1. Product Approval (Composter)
2. Regular Feedback (Composter)
3. Training & Inspection (Hauler)
4. Dedicated Haul & Identification (Hauler)

### Product Approval (Composter)

It is absolutely critical that composters are aware of the exact list of products that will be sent to their facilities for processing. This means that their engagement begins during the procurement phase, and that the order guide has been reviewed and approved by the composter before any product ordering happens. Any new products being considered by the generator must also be reviewed and approved by the composter before they are added to the ordering guide.

### Regular Feedback (Composter & All)

It is inevitable that there will be an ongoing problem-solving element to any contamination mitigation program, which is why regular meetings with all stakeholders to review performance and make sure composter expectations are being met are essential. This is particularly true if there are non-compostable products not on the order guide making their way to the composter from the generator's operation.

### Training and Inspection (Hauler)

Most haulers that collect post-consumer organics are well-versed in contamination, and will do some form of load inspection at pick-up. That is a valuable first check on how the contamination controls are functioning, and hauler employees must be trained on the specific items that have been approved for use at the facilities they are picking up from. There should also be a process in place for how to proceed when contamination is identified, including how and when the generator is notified.

### Dedicated Haul and Load Identification (Hauler)

Even if a generator has done everything right and their compost stream is contaminant-free, there is still a risk it will be mixed in with material from other generators that have not put contamination controls in place. The best-case scenario is a dedicated haul, or a route the only consists of trusted generators. Another option is a system for visually distinguishing loads through the use of specially colored bags that are only available to trusted generators.