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# SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS REPORT

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CQA Member#: 07-1200

Attention:

Sample I.D.: ROW R-23

Report#: C24165-10031  
C24165-70001

Sample Date: 3-Jun-24  
Reported Date: 2024-6-21

Compost Manufactured in: Ontario  
Feedstock: Leaf & Yard Residues

## CQA COMPOST QUALITY & VALUE TESTING PARAMETERS REPORT

SAMPLE ID	RECOMMENDED END USE/MARKET
ROW R-23	CATEGORY AA
Regulatory	See Appendix I
Product Quality	See Appendix II
Product Value/ Soil Suitability*	See Appendix III (Soil, Enviro, Manure Compost)

The Compost Quality Alliance (CQA) is a voluntary quality monitoring program established by the Compost Council of Canada and the compost producers utilizing recognized standardized testing methodologies and uniform operating protocols to provide customer assurance in compost selection its use, and proper end-use utilization.

All analysis of this compost product was conducted and provided by A&L Canada Laboratories Inc. for the Compost Quality Alliance (CQA).

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\*PLEASE NOTE: Major Nutrients under the Fertilizer Act and Regulations (CFIA)

Please see Appendix III for nutrient content (of impact to claims and labelling if used in declarations).

Compost is classified in Schedule II as a supplement, and as such nutrient guarantees are not mandatory. However, if any claims are made regarding nutritional value of the product, such as for composted manure, the product would then be classified as a supplement and a fertilizer, and the label would have to include the guarantees for the major nutrients. The guarantees for the major nutrients include the minimum amounts of Total Nitrogen (N), Available Phosphoric Acid (P2O5) and Soluble Potash K2O. Source: T-4-120 - Regulation of Compost under the Fertilizers Act and Regulations. <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/fertilizers/trade-memoranda/t-4-120/eng/1307910204607/1307910352783>



**Appendix I**  
**Ontario Compost Guidelines 2012 & CFIA Fertilizer**  
**Act & Regulations**



**A. Maximum Concentrations for Trace Metals in Compost - Ontario†**

Trace Elements	Test Results (ug/g)	Category AA	Category A	Category B
		Maximum Concentration within Product (mg/kg dry weight)		
Arsenic (As)	5.32	13	13	75
Cadmium (Cd)	1.02	3	3	20
Chromium (Cr)	11.96	210	210	1060
Cobalt (Co)	2.34	34	34	150
Copper (Cu)	43.74	100	400	760
Lead (Pb)	17.24	150	150	500
Mercury (Hg)	BDL	0.8	0.8	5
Molybdenum (Mo)	1.70	5	5	20
Nickel (Ni)	6.52	62	62	180
Selenium (Se)	BDL	2	2	14
Zinc (Zn)	125.75	500	700	1850

**B. Foreign Matter in Compost - Ontario†**

Test Results		Category AA	Category A	Category B
<b>Foreign Matter</b>		Contains < 1% FM greater than 3mm and 0.5% plastics. Shall not contain any FM greater than 25mm/500mL		Contains < 2% FM greater than 3mm and 0.5% plastic. No FM > 25mm/500mL
Percent (%) FM > 3mm/500mL	0.02			
Percent (%) Plastics > 3mm/500mL	0.02			
Pieces 25mm/500mL	0.00			
<b>Sharp Foreign Matter</b>		No sharp matter that can cause human or animal injury		No more than 3 pieces of sharp matter no greater than 12.5mm/500mL
Pieces > 3mm/500mL	0.00			
Pieces > 12.5mm/500mL	0.00			

**C. Maturity/Stability - Ontario†**

Method	Test Results	Required Limits
<b>CO2 Respiration Rate</b> (mg CO2/g O.M./day)	2.10	≤ 4 mg of carbon in the form of carbon dioxide per gram of organic matter per day
<b>O2 Uptake Respiration Rate</b> (mg O2/kg O.M./hr)		≤ 400 mg oxygen/kg of volatile solids (or organic matter)/hour

**D. Pathogens - Ontario†**

Pathogen	Test Results	Required Limits
<b>E. coli (MPN/g dry)</b>	<3	<1000 MPN/g total solids calculated on a dry weight basis
<b>Salmonella (P-A/25g(ml))</b>	NEGATIVE	<3 MPN/4g total solids calculated on a dry weight basis

†The following references are from the Ontario Compost Quality Standards Guidelines July 2012

\*BDL = Below Detectable Limits

**E. CFIA - Ontario**

Parameter	Test Results
Total Organic Matter (%)	62.75%
Moisture (%)	31.31%



## Appendix II Finished Compost Quality



Parameter	Test Results
pH	7.3
Carbon to Nitrogen Ratio	14:1
Particle Size/Texture (inch)+	1/4
Soluble Salts (ms/cm)	1.4
Sodium Base Saturation (%Na)	1.83%
<b>Major Nutrients</b>	
Available Potassium (%K)	12.39%
Available Magnesium (%Mg)	34.07%
Available Calcium (%Ca)	51.71%

+ Majority of sample passes through this sieve size

Category AA and A - Compost that can be used in any application, such as agricultural lands, residential gardens, horticultural operations, the nursery industry, and other businesses.

Category B - Compost that has a restricted use because of the presence of sharp foreign matter or higher trace element content. Category B compost may require additional control when deemed necessary by a province or territory.

The Compost Directions-for-Use must reflect application rates that adhere to the CFIA long-term element loading limits. Please use the CFIA compost loading rate calculator with trace elements details provided in this report to calculate and meet appropriate application rates: Labelling as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact Susan at [santhler@compost.org](mailto:santhler@compost.org) or 416 670 0510

### Reference Compost Quality Parameters for CQA

Use	pH	C:N	Moisture	Particle Size	Soluble Salts	%Na
Remediation	5.8-8.5	10-40	NA	<2 in	<20	<3%
Soil Amendment	5.8-8.5	10-30	NA	<1/2 in	<6	<2%
Landscaping	5.8-8.5	12-22	<50%	<1/2 in	<5	<2%
Planting Media	5.5-7.8	12-22	<50%	<1/2 in	<4	<2%
Turf Establishment & Topdressing	5.5-7.8	12-22	<50%	<3/8 in	<3	<1%
Greenhouse Seeding	6-7	12-22	<25%	<1/4 in	<2	<0.5%
Greenhouse Establishment	6-7	12-22	<30%	<1/2 in	2-3.5	<0.5%
Field Nursery	5.8-8	10-30	<50%	<1/2 in	<3.5	<1%
Agricultural Soil Amendments	6-8	10-30	<50%	<1/2 in	<20	n/a
Potting Soil	5.5-7.2	12-22	<50%	<1/4 in	<2	<1%

The Compost Quality Assurance program goes beyond the provincial requirements to establish full value and appropriate end-use. The Compost Report and Compost End-use table in Appendix II, has 10 different compost application uses from soil remediation, through to potting soil blends. Of note are available soluble salt limits and the percent available sodium for sensitive plants. Appendix III, lists the primary agricultural use parameters and quantitative nutrient content that reflects this compost samples agricultural end-use, and application value. This value includes macro and micro nutrients, soil building properties such as the addition of organic matter, increasing moisture holding capacity, and the soils slow release nutrients. These parameters improve beneficial

Note: For a compost to meet the unrestricted use category, it must meet the unrestricted (Category A) requirements for all trace elements and sharp foreign matter.

If the compost fails one criterion of the guideline for unrestricted use but meets the criteria for restricted (Category B) use, then it is classified as a Category B product. Products that do not meet the criteria for either Category A or B must be used or disposed of appropriately.

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**Appendix III**  
Compost Agricultural Product Value  
as is basis



Agricultural End-Use	Analysis Result	Unit	Quantity in lbs/T
<b>Physical Parameters</b>			
Dry Matter	68.69%	%	
pH	7.3		
Bulk Density	477	kg/m3	
C:N Ratio	14:1		
<b>Fertilizer Equivalent Minerals</b>			
Nitrogen Total	1.56%	%	31.2
Ammonium Nitrogen	44.54	ppm	0.09
Total Phosphate (P as P2O5)	0.3%	%	6.0
Total Potash (K as K2O)	0.49%	%	9.8
Calcium	2.26%	%	45.2
Magnesium	0.37%	%	7.4
Sulfur	981.67	ppm	2.0
<b>Agricultural Index</b>			
Ag Index	26.18		Can be used on all soils

Salt injury probable	Limit use to soils with excellent drainage and low salt content	Can be used on soils with poor drainage or high salt content	Can be used on all soils
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12

Figure 1. Adapted from TMECC 05.02-F1 AgIndex interpretation and use guidelines for common edaphic conditions. Where 10 is a compost material with low potential for salt injury and 1 materials require dilution to prevent salt injury

The results of our testing on this sample indicates that this product is a fine textured, compost (87%+ 1/4 in.), with rich mineral properties, which would meet criteria for agricultural soil amendment, blending and topdressing end-uses purposes. The C:N ratio 14:1 from Appendix II, on the soil suitability report indicates a low C:N ratio and indicating good nitrogen availability. The low C:N ratio in conjunction with the higher total nitrogen content listed in Appendix III indicates early high available nitrogen levels, and should be considered for crop planning.

The proportion of available sodium (1.83% Na), which if used in too heavy a proportion could cause some problems with sensitive species. The sodium levels of this compost sample though high, is suitable for agricultural broadcast field applications and are made to improve the organic matter level and major nutrients phosphorus, potassium and magnesium levels. The compost is also rich in available calcium, sulfur, and zinc, which make it ideal for soil enriching, and amendment. We recommend blending this material at a minimum of 2-3 parts soil blended to each part of this compost to dilute the sodium concentration.

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Sample Number	Lab Number	pH	Lime Index	Available Organic Matter %	Phosphorus P ppm	Potassium K ppm	Magnesium Mg ppm	Calcium Ca ppm
ROW R-23	105433	7.3	6.7	32.4	403	1870	1604	4004

Sulfur S ppm	Zinc Zn ppm	Manganese Mn ppm	Iron Fe ppm	Copper Cu ppm	Boron B ppm	Sodium Na ppm	Nitrate-N NO3-N ppm	Soluble Salt ms/cm	Nitrogen (Total) (%)	Chloride ppm
110	35.9	41	247	2.0	2.8	163	2	1.4	1.56	416

### INTERPRETATION

CEC		Percent Base Saturation				Proportional Equivalents (meq)				Cation Ratio		C/N Ratio
meq/100g	% BS	% K	% Mg	% Ca	% Na	K	Mg	Ca	Na	Mg/K	Ca/Mg	
38.7	100.0	12.39	34.07	51.71	1.83	4.79	13.19	20.02	0.71	3:1	2:1	14:1
Optimum Range:		3 - 5	8 - 20	60 - 80		0.5 - 1.3				7:1	5:1	

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\* Results reported on a dry weight basis.

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\* Crop yield is influenced by a number of factors in addition to soil fertility.

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LAB NO.	SAMPLE ID	ANALYSIS	RESULT	UNIT	METHOD
105433	ROW R-23	Nitrogen (Total)	1.6	%	TMECC.04.02-D



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PO#:

DATE SAMPLED:2024-06-03

LAB NUMBER:1657002

DATE RECEIVED:2024-06-13

SAMPLE ID:ROW R-23

DATE REPORTED:2024-06-20

DATE PRINTED:2024-06-21

PARAMETER	Result	UNIT	DETECTION LIMIT	METHOD REFERENCE
Arsenic	5.32	ug/g	1.00	EPA 3050B/6010B(mod) *
Cadmium	1.02	ug/g	1.00	EPA 3050B/6010B(mod) *
Cobalt	2.34	ug/g	1.00	TMECC 4.06;EPA 3050/6010(mod)*
Chromium	11.96	ug/g	1.00	TMECC.04.06;EPA 3050/6010(mod)*
Copper	43.74	ug/g	1.00	TMECC 4.06;EPA 3050/6010(mod)*
Mercury	BDL	ug/g	0.10	EPA 7471 *
Molybdenum	1.7	ug/g	1.0	TMECC.04.06;EPA 3050/6010(mod)*
Nickel	6.52	ug/g	1.00	TMECC 4.06;EPA 3050/6010(mod)*
Lead	17.24	ug/g	1.00	EPA 3050B/6010B(mod) *
Selenium	BDL	ug/g	1.00	EPA 3050/6010 (mod) *
Zinc	125.75	ug/g	1.00	TMECC 4.06;EPA 3050/6010(mod)*

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PARAMETER	Result	UNIT	DETECTION LIMIT	METHOD REFERENCE
E. coli	<3	MPN/g dry	3	TMECC 07.01
Salmonella spp.	NEGATIVE	P-A/ 25.0g(ml)	1 CFU	MFLP-75 *
Total sharps > 2.8 mm*	0	pieces/500ml		TMECC 03.08
Total sharps > 12.5 mm	0	pieces/500ml		TMECC 03.08
Total FM > 2.8 mm*	0.02	%	0.01	TMECC 03.08
Total FM > 25 mm	0	pieces/500ml		TMECC 03.08
Total plastics > 2.8 mm*	0.02	%	0.01	TMECC 03.08
Total Organic Matter @ 550 deg C	62.75	%	0.10	LOI@550C
Moisture	31.31	%	0.10	TMECC.03.09-A
Sieve 2 Inch (% Passing)	100.00	%	0.10	ASTMD422
Sieve 1 Inch (% Passing)	100.00	%	0.10	ASTMD422
Sieve 1/2 Inch (% Passing)	96.70	%	0.10	ASTMD422
Sieve 3/8 Inch (% Passing)	93.30	%	0.10	ASTMD422
Sieve 1/4 Inch (% Passing)	87.40	%	0.10	ASTMD422
Compost Stability Index	7	---		TMECC.05.08-B
Respiration-mgCO <sub>2</sub> -C/g OM/day	2.10	mgCO <sub>2</sub> -C/ gOM/day	0.01	TMECC.05.08-B
Respiration - mgCO <sub>2</sub> -C/g TS/day	1.30	mgCO <sub>2</sub> -C/ gTS/day	0.01	TMECC.05.08-B

Maturity Index: 7 - Well matured, aged compost, cured; few limitations for usage.

Moisture was raised to 37.55%

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PARAMETER	Result Dry Weight	Result As Received	UNIT	DETECTION LIMIT	METHOD REFERENCE
Total Solids (as received)		68.69	%	0.10	Gravimetric
<b>Nitrogen &amp; Carbon</b>					
Total Organic Carbon		34.86	%	0.10	Combustion
Ammonia (NH3/NH4-N)	64.84	44.54	ug/g	.01	Colourimetric
<b>Metals</b>					
Potassium	5997.66	4119.79	ug/g	5.00	TMECC.04.04*
Total Potassium (as K2O)	0.72	0.49	%	0.05	ICP
Phosphorus	1871.55	1285.57	ug/g	5.00	TMECC.04.03 *
Total Phosphorus (as P2O5)	0.43	0.30	%	0.05	ICP
Aluminum	3352.29	2302.69	ug/g	5.00	TMECC.04.07 *
Boron	24.09	16.55	ug/g	1.00	TMECC.04.05 *
Calcium	3.29	2.26	%	0.01	TMECC.04.05*
Iron	7225.85	4963.44	ug/g	5.00	TMECC.04.05 *
Magnesium	0.54	0.37	%	0.01	TMECC.04.05 *
Manganese	153.18	105.22	ug/g	1.00	TMECC.04.05 *
Sodium	0.07	0.05	%	0.01	TMECC.04.05 *
Sulphur	1429.15	981.68	ug/g	5.00	TMECC.04.05 *
<b>Additional Parameters</b>					
Bulk Density (as Recieved)		477	kg/m3	10	Gravimetric

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