COMPOSTING

Rationale

- Clean, source-separated compostables, such as leaves, grass clippings, brush, food scraps, and non-recyclable paper represent a significant portion of the municipal solid waste stream. Composting is a viable strategy for achieving the reduction of this portion of the waste stream.

Policy

The National Recycling Coalition desires to promote composting of the above stated materials and the use of compost by:

- Recognizing backyard composting as a source reduction method.
- Maximizing composting and recycling as an integral part of waste and resource management to achieve the benefits of environmental protection, resource conservation, and social and economic development.
- Including composting as a separate component within the Municipal Solid Waste management hierarchy equal in importance with recycling.
- Supporting production and procurement of composted products and mulch by all levels of the public and private sectors.
- Recommending research into new applications for composted products and mulch.
- Supporting the development of standards for compost and mulch.

Cross-reference: Waste Reduction Practices