

Name: <sup>1</sup>	<p>Please return by October 25th to:</p> <p><b>Active Compost SEPA Survey</b> <b>Scaur O'Doon</b> <b>25 Scaur O'Doon Road</b> <b>Ayr,</b> <b>KA7 4EP</b></p> <p>Alternatively you can fax your return to: 01292 443466</p> <p>If you would prefer you can request an electronic copy of this form in Word format by sending an email to:</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@activecompost.com">info@activecompost.com</a> and entering "survey form request" in the subject line</p>
Address:	
Contact Telephone number:	
Your email address:	

Are your details above correct? If the box is blank please enter your details or please amend as required. If you do not think you are the best compost-contact in your organisation please pass this to a colleague.

Please tick here if you do NOT wish your name / company name to appear in any publicly available list related to this survey.

**Please note that your details will be held in accordance with The Data Protection Act 1998 and will not be passed to third parties nor will it be used for anything other than the stated purpose. Your data will not be made publicly available in whole but will be used as one element in determining national and local information about composting activity and trends in Scotland.**

This survey will take around 5-10 minutes to complete. Please tick or complete the boxes as indicated. You do not have to complete all questions.

**For the purpose of this survey please ignore home-composting initiatives**

**1) How important do you see composting as a component in achieving European Landfill Directive targets? (Please tick)**

- Yes, primary
- Yes, secondary
- Yes, but only a minor element
- Not important

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<sup>1</sup> We need to know who you are before we can use the information you supply. However, we can anonymously include your information in our database analysis. If you are responsible for a composting operation but do not want to provide information please let us know this minimum data.

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**2) What type of operation do you represent?**

- Local Authority
- Waste Management plc
- General waste Small / Medium Enterprise (SME)
- Specialist compost SME
- Community Project
- Agriculture / Forestry

**3) Are you presently recycling organics by composting?** Yes  No

**4) Approximately what proportion of compostable organic waste throughput is currently being recycled by you in your technical area of activity?**

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**5) On a national level, approximately what proportion of organics do you think is currently being recycled in Scotland for your area of activity?**

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**6) Which of the following options for composting are you currently engaged in or might you consider in future? (Please tick)**

Option	Operated now	Would consider	Not appropriate
Composting in-house			
Contracted out to others <sup>2</sup>			
Partnership			
Composting in-house but with external support (e.g. Quality Assurance services)			

<sup>2</sup> If you contract-out your composting please tell us who does this for you so that we do not double-count your composted material.

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**7) If you already compost any material, approximately what quantity of inputs? (Please tick)**

- 0-200t pa
- 200-1000t pa
- 1001 – 5000t pa
- 5001 – 10000t pa
- 10000 – 25000t pa
- More than 25000t pa

**8) How much do you expect to compost in future compared to today? (inputs)**

2004: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> t pa	2006: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> t pa	2010: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> t pa
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*(Please enter approximate estimate if not shown in Q7 above)*

**9) If you already compost any material, approximately what quantity do you produce as finished compost after screening, rejects etc.? (Please tick)**

<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> t pa
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**10) How many compost sites do you currently operate<sup>3</sup>?**

Please tell us where these sites are:

Site name	Nearest town	Postcode

*(Please use a separate sheet if necessary).*

**11) If you intend to increase your operations will this be on the same sites or on others? If others, how many and approximately where will these be?**

<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>	
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<sup>3</sup> Please help us avoid double-counting by completing one form per company or by asking colleagues to complete a form for individual operational responsibilities.

**12) What materials do you compost or might you compost in future?**

*(Please tick or complete all that apply)*

<b>Column 1 Material</b>	<b>Compost now?</b>	<b>Composted alone or mixed with other material in Column 1?</b>	<b>May compost in future?</b>	<b>Approximate quantity (t pa)</b>
MSW				
Kerbside collected Green waste				
Kerbside collected green waste with kitchen waste (meat excluded)				
Civic Amenity Green waste				
Parks & Gardens waste				
Commercial greenwaste (e.g. landscaping)				
Agricultural waste				
Catering / food waste (meat not excluded)				
Category 3 Animal By-products				
Other (Please specify)				

**13) If you intend to expand your composting activities when would this substantially be?**

Year \_\_\_\_\_

**14) What compost system do you use and will you in the future use?**

*(Please tick all that apply)*

System	Use Now	Future
Windrow composting (outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windrow composting in a building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windrow composting with a bucket loader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windrow composting with a purpose built turner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Static pile (aerated) compost (including open-top bunkers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-vessel composting (short-life system)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-vessel system (capital facility)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Batch In-vessel system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Through-flow In-vessel system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anaerobic Digestion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**15) What is the approximate scale of investment required by you?**

	To date	By (year)
£		

**16) How would you define the quality of compost that you currently produce?**

*(Please tick all that apply)*

- Organic (accredited)
- PAS100 (accredited)
- PAS100 equivalent
- Horticultural growing media
- Landscaper-grade
- Restoration grade
- Day cover for landfill
- Other quality standard (please state)

**17) What is the approximate market value of your compost?**

- Nil
- < £ 2
- £2 - £5
- £5-10

Please state units, (e.g. tonnes or cubic metres)

Other (please specify)

**18) For finding information about composting, which of the following do you use?**

*(Please tick all that apply)*

The Composting Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	REMADE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-UK compost associations	<input type="checkbox"/>	External consultants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chartered Institution of Wastes Management WRAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic literature	<input type="checkbox"/>
SEPA website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal contacts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other <i>(Please Specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The internet	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finally, to help us look at how the entire sector can move forward:

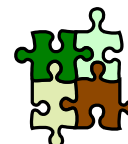
**19) What do you think are the principal barriers to increasing recycling organic wastes by composting?**

**20) What is needed to overcome the barrier(s)?**

Thank you for participating in this survey. Your efforts will help establish the true state of composting in Scotland and help formulate policy and support mechanisms for the sector.

This survey is being carried out by Active Compost Limited on behalf of SEPA. Any comments or questions regarding the survey should be sent by email to [info@activecompost.com](mailto:info@activecompost.com) or to the address shown on Page 1, not to SEPA. However, we may refer to SEPA to provide the answer you require.

Interpreted results of this survey will be available through SEPA both in a form and at a date yet to be announced.



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the recycling jigsaw