Compost Application Rate Guide

Guide to choosing and recording compost application rates for fields and gardens, matched to crop needs and the compost analysis. Work through the steps in order and keep notes on what you find along the way.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Get a lab analysis of the compost
2. Review crop nutrient needs
3. Check soil test results
4. Estimate nutrients the compost can supply
5. Choose an application rate with adviser help
6. Calibrate the spreader per the operator's manual
7. Apply evenly and record the amount
8. Avoid sensitive areas and setbacks
9. Review results next season

YOUR NOTES

TIP Use the lab analysis and a calibrated spreader, since compost can vary widely from batch to batch.