



## HCS Compost Survey

The Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley is looking into the possibility of community composting. As part of our study we need to know about your composting habits, needs and desires and what barriers you currently find with the process. Organic waste creates, on average, 40% of the public waste stream and yet, if diverted from the landfill, can make a valuable product. One survey per household is adequate. We appreciate your feedback!

Please return surveys to the Villages of New Denver or Silverton or the Valley Voice office by Dec.6<sup>th</sup>.

1. Do you compost?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yard waste                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper products      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raw veggie and fruit scraps | <input type="checkbox"/> Other               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooked foods                | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not compost    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meat scraps                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I compost sometimes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egg and nut shells          |  |

2. If you do compost, which method do you use?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A heap in the backyard of kitchen waste                     | <input type="checkbox"/> An enclosed composter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A heap in the back yard of kitchen and yard waste in layers | <input type="checkbox"/> I dig it straight into my garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A two- or three- bin system                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Feed my chickens or livestock    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other / Comments                 |

3. Roughly how much food waste does your household create in a week in litres? (an ice cream bucket is 4 litres)

4. What are the barriers or concerns about composting for you? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter conditions       | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough space    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bears or other wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough know-how |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much work           | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate set-up   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too much smell          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/ Comments?    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough material     |  |

(continued...)

5. If there were a community composting system how would you use it? Check all that apply.
- For yard waste and branches
  - For fruit and veggie scraps
  - For meat and dairy
  - For cooked foods
  - For egg and nut shells and grains
  - I would not use this system at all; I have my own system
  - I would not use the system as I do not want the bother
6. If you were to use a composting system, which of the following collection systems would you be willing to use?
- A central location in each village
  - A bin within a few blocks (100 metres) of my house
  - My curbside
  - N/A
7. Do you support public funds being used towards these aspects of composting?
- Collection
  - Backyard composting assistance
  - More regular yard waste diversion
  - Processing
  - Shipping
  - Other / Comment
8. Would you be interested in learning more about back yard composting? If yes, what is the best avenue for you? (Workshop, at home, other...) Leave your contact information if you would like.
9. Where do you live?
- New Denver
  - Silverton
  - Area H
  - I am a part-time resident. (if so, please indicate your area as well)
10. Do you have any other thoughts/ideas to share about composting with respect to your household or community?