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Title: SPEC Compost Survey Volunteer

Description: Do you want to learn more about local composts and their use on farms and gardens? Would you like to support the work of SPEC and connect with individuals who have a passion for conservation and sustainability? The SPEC Food Team will be updating its survey of local bulk composting suppliers to give farmers and gardeners information to help them select a compost to fit their specific needs--because no two composts are the same! The last survey was conducted in 2019 (See: <https://youngagrarians.org/2019-compost-guide/>), and seeing as this industry is dynamic, significant changes may have occurred since our last survey.

The end product of this project will be an updated *Compost Survey and Report*, complete by the end of February, 2022.

The SPEC Food Team is a volunteer group that collaborates and initiates projects around sustainability, access to fresh and affordable nutrition, and food security.

COVID-19 Safety: Volunteers must adhere to all COVID-19 BC Provincial Health Orders, which include the following:

- Masks must be worn when a 2 m distance between individuals cannot be maintained.
- Maintain physical distancing at all times, when possible.
- Frequent hand-washing is recommended.

Minimum Age: 18+

Time Commitment: Estimated 20 hours.

Dates and Times: To begin asap and complete by late February/early March

What you will gain:

Knowledge of industrial composting and compost quality. The SPEC Food Team has expertise in this area to provide advice and oversight on the project challenges and outcomes.

Responsibilities:



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- Conduct an analysis of local bulk compost suppliers through the application of a survey that provides insights into the type, composition, and recommended application of various compost mediums.
- Deliverables:
 - Updated Compost Survey for 2021
 - Final Report

Qualifications:

Will need some basic science background and general interest in local nutrient cycling.

Other Requirements:

Ability to communicate with industry people to access the current information and fairly represent their products.

Contact Information:

Interested in applying? Please send your resume and a short cover letter highlighting your interest and motivations for applying for this opportunity to madyson@spec.bc.ca in one PDF document.