

Mortality Composting Notes:

Base of pile MUST be 2 feet thick.

Absorbant layer should be at least 6 inches thick.

Cover layer MUST be 2 feet thick to deter scavengers and flies.

Temperature MUST reach 131°F for at least 3 consecutive days to kill pathogens.

Moisture in pile should be 50-60%, like a damp sponge.

Materials for base
layer and cover
layer:

dry wood chips = best choice

dry wood shavings

chopped straw

bedded manure

compost

old silage or haylage

Materials for
absorbant layer:

bedded manure

finished compost

sawdust



Mortality Composting Site Monitoring Workbook

_____ Farm

Covering the Period From: _____ To: _____

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