

# Compost Site Selection Feedstock Balance Worksheet - Improve Aeration

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**Purpose:** This original printable feedstock balance worksheet helps home composters, gardeners, schools and community projects work with compost site selection while pursuing one defined outcome: create pore space while avoiding unnecessary disturbance. Its method is to identify material role, prepare it, add a modest amount and observe the response. Use the pages as a working record, not as a substitute for local accepted-material rules, current safety guidance and qualified horticultural or environmental advice where those are needed.

## Resource Map

The subject focus is to choose an accessible location that supports safe use, drainage and neighbour care. The six working areas below define the scope for this specific resource. Complete only the rows that matter to the present observation cycle, and date any observation that may change.

| # | Working area         | Current evidence                | Next check |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Access Route         | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 2 | Surface And Drainage | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 3 | Sun And Weather      | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 4 | Water Access         | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 5 | Clearance            | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |
| 6 | Local Restrictions   | Known / estimated / not checked | _____      |

## Robustness Starting Brief

- Anchor: Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case? Anchor the test with a clear baseline and intended use.
- Vary: How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions? Vary one meaningful condition or perspective.
- Observe: What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage? Observe what changes and what remains stable.
- Protect: Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain? Protect the essential boundary while testing alternatives.
- Evaluate: What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? Evaluate whether the method still serves its purpose.
- Edition success means: record better structure or explain why another cause is more likely

## Feedstock Balance Worksheet

This format is designed to document each addition and correct visible imbalance with evidence. For compost site selection, apply the method in a deliberate sequence: identify material role, prepare it, add a modest amount and observe the response. The edition target is improve aeration, so each entry should show what was noticed, what was tried and what changed.

| Working step               | What to record                                                                              | Evidence or source         | Status         |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Anchor Sun And Weather     | Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case?                    | Anchor case / date         | Open / checked |
| Vary Water Access          | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions?                         | Challenge condition / date | Open / checked |
| Observe Clearance          | What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage?       | Response / date            | Open / checked |
| Protect Local Restrictions | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain?           | Invariant / date           | Open / checked |
| Evaluate Access Route      | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? | Fitness review / date      | Open / checked |
| Adapt Surface And Drainage | What next check on surface and drainage would make the record about clearance more useful?  | Robustness decision / date | Open / checked |

### Completion Standard

- Keep the work tied to compost site selection, not to a vague general intention.
- Apply this adjustment: check compaction and structure before turning
- What remains dependable when one meaningful condition changes?
- Expose this outcome risk if it appears: too many conditions vary.
- Use original notes and explanations; quote only when necessary, lawful and properly attributed.
- Ask a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact to challenge one material assumption where appropriate.
- Close with one decision and one follow-up rather than an unranked list of ideas.

### Working Note

Edition COMP-01-02-06 pairs feedstock balance worksheet with the outcome 'Improve Aeration'. That pairing is the boundary for this workbook: material that does not help that outcome belongs in a separate record.

## Evidence x Robustness Focused Practice Lab

This lab pairs a evidence method with a robustness outcome lens. Work through the six actions to turn the subject focus - choose an accessible location that supports safe use, drainage and neighbour care - into evidence for improve aeration. Preserve any gap that prevents a supported conclusion.

| # | Action                               | Constraint                                                                                                                                        | Record                         |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Collect / Anchor access route        | Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case? Anchor the test with a clear baseline and intended use.                  | Evidence list / Anchor case    |
| 2 | Classify / Vary surface and drainage | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions? Vary one meaningful condition or perspective.                                 | Source / Challenge condition   |
| 3 | Trace / Observe sun and weather      | What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage? Observe what changes and what remains stable.               | Trace / Response               |
| 4 | Verify / Protect water access        | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain? Protect the essential boundary while testing alternatives.      | Verification / Invariant       |
| 5 | Reconcile / Evaluate clearance       | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? Evaluate whether the method still serves its purpose. | Exception / Fitness review     |
| 6 | Approve / Adapt local restrictions   | What next check on surface and drainage would make the record about clearance more useful? Adapt the plan without overstating the result.         | Sign-off / Robustness decision |

### Common Failure Modes

- For access route, watch for the source has no date together with the baseline is weak.
- For surface and drainage, watch for the evidence is second-hand together with too many conditions vary.
- For sun and weather, watch for two records disagree together with the response is selectively recorded.
- For water access, watch for a value lacks units together with an essential boundary is sacrificed.
- For clearance, watch for the context has changed together with fitness is judged by preference.

### Independent Review Question

Format question: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome question: What remains dependable when one meaningful condition changes? Ask a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact where appropriate, then answer before the next observation cycle: \_\_\_\_\_

## Compost Observation Plan for Improve Aeration

Use one defined observation cycle to test the outcome rather than attempting every possible task. This edition pairs evidence with robustness to pursue this objective: create pore space while avoiding unnecessary disturbance. Preserve the starting condition and both evidence trails.

| Plan field               | Entry                                         |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Purpose                  | Improve Aeration                              |
| Starting condition       | _____                                         |
| Chosen working area      | _____                                         |
| Invariant                | check compaction and structure before turning |
| Evidence to capture      | _____                                         |
| Stop or review condition | _____                                         |

### Observation and Follow-up Cycle

| Stage        | Action                                                                                                                      | Evidence                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Start        | Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case? Identify the evidence required.                    | Evidence list / Anchor case    |
| First action | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions? Collect one traceable record.                           | Source / Challenge condition   |
| Next check   | What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage? Label its date, owner and context.    | Trace / Response               |
| Follow-up    | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain? Cross-check the material independently.   | Verification / Invariant       |
| Trend review | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? Resolve or expose one gap.      | Exception / Fitness review     |
| Close-out    | What next check on surface and drainage would make the record about clearance more useful? Record the supported conclusion. | Sign-off / Robustness decision |

### Evidence Record Log

| Evidence Record | Condition      | Observation | Decision              |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 2               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 3               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 4               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |
| 5               | Same / changed | _____       | Keep / change / check |

## Source and Evidence Reconciliation - Robustness Lens

This comparison tests compost site selection against improve aeration through two independent questions. Format: Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? Outcome: What remains dependable when one meaningful condition changes? Record material setting differences instead of averaging them away.

| Evidence area        | Baseline | Alternative | Interpretation prompt                                                                       |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun And Weather      | _____    | _____       | Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case?                    |
| Water Access         | _____    | _____       | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions?                         |
| Clearance            | _____    | _____       | What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage?       |
| Local Restrictions   | _____    | _____       | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain?           |
| Access Route         | _____    | _____       | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? |
| Surface And Drainage | _____    | _____       | What next check on surface and drainage would make the record about clearance more useful?  |

### Format Decision Test

| Field                          | Record                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review question                | Which source is strongest for this decision, and what limitation remains? |
| Outcome question               | What remains dependable when one meaningful condition changes?            |
| Acceptance lens                | record better structure or explain why another cause is more likely       |
| Conditions held steady         | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence supporting the choice | _____                                                                     |
| Evidence against the choice    | _____                                                                     |

### Evidence Confidence Check

- Anchor case: what was actually seen, heard, measured or read?
- Format evidence: which record best demonstrates sources identified?
- Outcome evidence: which record best demonstrates conditions varied?
- Challenge: could the response is selectively recorded explain the result?
- Subject boundary: what does this comparison leave unresolved about sun and weather?

## Evidence x Robustness Scenario Cards

Use these paired scenarios to rehearse judgement for improve aeration. Each card joins a evidence failure mode to an outcome-specific risk. State what remains open and which evidence named in the final column should be collected next.

| # | Situation                                  | Review question                                                                             | Decision            |
|---|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Sun And Weather: the source has no date.   | Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case?                    | Anchor case         |
| 2 | Water Access: the evidence is second-hand. | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions?                         | Challenge condition |
| 3 | Clearance: two records disagree.           | What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage?       | Response            |
| 4 | Local Restrictions: a value lacks units.   | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain?           | Invariant           |
| 5 | Access Route: the context has changed.     | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? | Fitness review      |
| 6 | Surface And Drainage: approval is missing. | What next check on surface and drainage would make the record about clearance more useful?  | Robustness decision |

## Decision Record

| Field                  | Notes                                                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chosen format scenario | _____                                                          |
| Outcome lens           | What remains dependable when one meaningful condition changes? |
| Evidence available     | _____                                                          |
| Evidence missing       | _____                                                          |
| Controlled next step   | _____                                                          |
| Person / review date   | _____                                                          |

## Eight Evidence and Robustness Evidence Tracker

Track improve aeration across eight observation checks using the evidence method and the robustness outcome lens. Keep conditions visible and use this review question: What remains dependable when one meaningful condition changes?

| # | Focus                | Condition | Result | Next action |
|---|----------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| 1 | Water Access         | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 2 | Clearance            | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 3 | Local Restrictions   | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 4 | Access Route         | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 5 | Surface And Drainage | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 6 | Sun And Weather      | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 7 | Water Access         | _____     | _____  | _____       |
| 8 | Clearance            | _____     | _____  | _____       |

### Evidence Evidence Dashboard

| Measure                                                           | Baseline | Current | Evidence location |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Access Route: Sources Identified / Anchor Cases Recorded          | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Surface And Drainage: Dates Captured / Conditions Varied          | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Sun And Weather: Records Traced / Responses Observed              | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Water Access: Cross-Checks Completed / Boundaries Protected       | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Clearance: Exceptions Resolved / Fitness Tests Completed          | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Local Restrictions: Conclusions Supported / Adaptations Justified | _____    | _____   | _____             |

### Interpret the Trend

- I changed one meaningful condition while protecting the essential boundary.
- I limited the conclusion to the conditions that were actually tested.
- Keep the method only when the evidence for improve aeration improves without hiding the response is selectively recorded.
- Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case?
- Use a experienced composter, horticulture professional or local authority contact when the evidence crosses a safety, rights, health or authority boundary.

## Evidence x Robustness Next Step Plan

Finish by turning the paired format and outcome record into one owned action. For this feedstock balance worksheet, the intended result was improve aeration; the outcome test is: What remains dependable when one meaningful condition changes? The close-out standard remains: record better structure or explain why another cause is more likely.

| Close-out field      | Record                             |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Most useful evidence | _____                              |
| Important limitation | _____                              |
| Decision             | Keep / adapt / pause / seek review |
| Next action          | _____                              |
| Owner and date       | _____                              |
| Evidence location    | _____                              |

### Completion Review

- Subject check: Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case?
- Subject check: How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions?
- Format check: I left disputed or missing evidence visibly unresolved.
- Outcome check: I limited the conclusion to the conditions that were actually tested.
- I recorded weather, recent inputs and the time between observation and follow-up.
- I made no sanitation, pathogen-destruction or crop-safety claim from temperature alone.

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