

# Compost Site Selection Batch Comparison Workbook - Improve Aeration

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**Purpose:** This original printable batch comparison workbook 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 hold key conditions steady, record differences and qualify the result. 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

## Batch Comparison Workbook

This format is designed to compare two methods without pretending unlike conditions are equal. For compost site selection, apply the method in a deliberate sequence: hold key conditions steady, record differences and qualify the result. 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-01-08-06 pairs batch comparison workbook 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.

## Comparison x Robustness Focused Practice Lab

This lab pairs a comparison 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 | Align / 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.                  | Cases / Anchor case             |
| 2 | Compare / Vary surface and drainage | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions? Vary one meaningful condition or perspective.                                 | Alignment / Challenge condition |
| 3 | Detect / 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.               | Difference / Response           |
| 4 | Explain / Protect water access      | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain? Protect the essential boundary while testing alternatives.      | Explanation / Invariant         |
| 5 | Judge / Evaluate clearance          | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? Evaluate whether the method still serves its purpose. | Judgement / Fitness review      |
| 6 | Document / 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.         | Decision / Robustness decision  |

### Common Failure Modes

- For access route, watch for the cases answer different questions together with the baseline is weak.
- For surface and drainage, watch for units or dates do not align together with too many conditions vary.
- For sun and weather, watch for a difference is hidden by an average together with the response is selectively recorded.
- For water access, watch for the explanation lacks evidence together with an essential boundary is sacrificed.
- For clearance, watch for fitness criteria change together with fitness is judged by preference.

### Independent Review Question

Format question: Are the two cases comparable enough to support the stated choice? 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 comparison 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? Define the two cases and shared question.              | Cases / Anchor case             |
| First action | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions? Align units, dates and conditions.                          | Alignment / Challenge condition |
| Next check   | What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage? Record meaningful differences.            | Difference / Response           |
| Follow-up    | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain? Investigate the likeliest explanation.        | Explanation / Invariant         |
| Trend review | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? Judge fitness for the intended use. | Judgement / Fitness review      |
| Close-out    | What next check on surface and drainage would make the record about clearance more useful? Document the choice and limitation.  | Decision / Robustness decision  |

### Comparison Case Log

| Comparis on Case | 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 |

## Controlled Case Comparison - Robustness Lens

This comparison tests compost site selection against improve aeration through two independent questions. Format: Are the two cases comparable enough to support the stated choice? 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                | Are the two cases comparable enough to support the stated choice?   |
| 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    | _____                                                               |

### Comparison Confidence Check

- Anchor case: what was actually seen, heard, measured or read?
- Format evidence: which record best demonstrates cases defined?
- 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?

## Comparison x Robustness Scenario Cards

Use these paired scenarios to rehearse judgement for improve aeration. Each card joins a comparison 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 cases answer different questions.     | Which evidence separates sun and weather from water access in this case?                    | Anchor case         |
| 2 | Water Access: units or dates do not align.                 | How does clearance change the interpretation of local restrictions?                         | Challenge condition |
| 3 | Clearance: a difference is hidden by an average.           | What boundary on access route must be checked before relying on surface and drainage?       | Response            |
| 4 | Local Restrictions: the explanation lacks evidence.        | Which observation links water access to access route, and what remains uncertain?           | Invariant           |
| 5 | Access Route: fitness criteria change.                     | What alternative explanation could account for both local restrictions and sun and weather? | Fitness review      |
| 6 | Surface And Drainage: the losing option is not documented. | 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 Comparison and Robustness Evidence Tracker

Track improve aeration across eight observation checks using the comparison 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            | _____     | _____  | _____       |

### Comparison Evidence Dashboard

| Measure                                                        | Baseline | Current | Evidence location |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Access Route: Cases Defined / Anchor Cases Recorded            | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Surface And Drainage: Conditions Aligned / Conditions Varied   | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Sun And Weather: Differences Recorded / Responses Observed     | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Water Access: Explanations Tested / Boundaries Protected       | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Clearance: Criteria Applied / Fitness Tests Completed          | _____    | _____   | _____             |
| Local Restrictions: Choices Documented / 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.

## Comparison x Robustness Next Step Plan

Finish by turning the paired format and outcome record into one owned action. For this batch comparison workbook, 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 documented why the unselected option was not preferred.
- 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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