

## DPR Compost Cooperative Member Agreement

### **Mission:**

The DPR Compost Cooperative program will organize, train and coordinate local and self-sustaining compost cooperatives at DPR gardens to operate a compost system that will combine local and compost appropriate food waste with compost appropriate garden waste to create a quick and nutrient rich compost for the free usage at each DPR community garden.

### **Requirement to join cooperative:**

- Must take a short (30-60 min) compost training course
  - o Course will go over basics of composting and operations of the compost system.
- Must sign an agreement to follow all rules and meet the service requirement.
- Must provide a designated form of communication that can be checked at least once a week.

### **Service Requirement:**

- Must participant in at least one compost event for at least an hour every 3 months.
- Requirement is subject to change by the compost manager to adapt to the needs of the compost system.

### **Member Expectations:**

- All participants must check their designated communication contact at least once a week and coordinate with any compost cooperative manager requests.
- All participants must follow the guidelines for browns and greens at all times.
- All participants must cover all food scraps on top and on side. ***There should be no food scraps in view from the top of the bin and the sides.***
- All participants must add at least twice as much brown material as green material every drop off.
- All participants must chop materials being composted into 2 inches or smaller pieces.
- All participants must lock up the bin when done.
- **Members cannot share the combination with anyone.**
- If DPR has asked the compost cooperative to track any information, each participant must record the info in the log book every drop off and maintenance event.

### **Failure to follow rules or manager requests**

- If any member fails to follow a rule or a manager request they will receive a strike.

- If a member receives 3 strikes they will be removed from the cooperative and the lock combination will be changed by the manager.

**Measurement**

- Compost cooperatives may be asked to track and record certain measurements
  - o Temperature of compost
  - o Weight of food waste diverted
  - o Weight of finished compost
- DPR will provide a scale and log book.

**Pest Management**

- The compost cooperative is responsible for controlling odors that may attract pests by doing the following actions.
  - o Develop a schedule to turn the compost before it smells
  - o Immediately turn and add browns to any compost that may smell.
  - o Remove any materials that are causing a bad odor.
- If any pests are attracted to the compost bin but after failing to get in the bins the pests settle on the garden, the compost cooperative is responsible for managing and removing these pests.
  - o The compost cooperative will coordinate with DPR community garden specialist on pest management practices.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to all requirements and expectations included in this document and understand if I fail to meet any of these requirements and expectations I may be removed from this compost cooperative.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_