

# Compost Turner Check-list

## DEEP Compost Program – 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT

- **Check previous day's deposit for mistakes and dispose of them in the trash.** Use the tongs which are kept in the bucket or on top of the biofilter. Put any trash directly into the small white step-on trash bin next to the tan Rubbermaid locker.
- **Attach the power cord.** Plug the male end of the cord into the outlet mounted on the metal fence and plug the female end onto the male "pigtail" hanging immediately to the left. These are "twist-lock" plugs, so plug it in and twist to the right to lock, to the left to unlock. Push the start button on electrical box. For safety, always use the "start" and "emergency stop" buttons...**DO NOT DISCONNECT CORD WHILE MOTOR IS RUNNING.**
- **With loading hatch closed to conserve heat, use metal handles to slowly push the entire lid all the way around the tub, once, COUNTER CLOCKWISE leaving enough time for the auger to mix things up.** Stay a bit longer in places where the mix seems dense, and where last night's food scraps were placed. **NEVER TRY TO MOVE LID OR CRANK MOTOR WITHOUT HAVING MOTOR ON OR YOU WILL BEND THE SHAFT.** Be careful not to tangle the cord as you go around.
- **WITH MOTOR RUNNING, remove the metal cover from in front of the motor first, and then crank motor 3/4 of the way in.** (Line up the red register marks on the motor mount).
- **Go around the tub again COUNTER CLOCKWISE.**
- **Leave loading hatch positioned 1/5 turn past where it was when you started.** Line up the yellow register marks located on the lid behind the motor, and on the tub.
- **WITH MOTOR RUNNING, crank motor back to the outside position,** and replace metal cover in front of the motor.
- **Turn motor off** by pushing red emergency stop button on the electrical box.
- **REMOVE CORD AND PUT IT BACK IN THE BUCKET !!!** Twist the plug to the left to unlock and pull straight out.
- **Untwist the cord that hangs from the rafter.** Disconnect the male and female ends of the cord coming from the motor and let them untwist. Then, plug them back together.
- **Reposition stool in front of loading hatch.** You will need to place the stool slightly to the right and left of the pipes when the hatch is in those locations.
- **DROP OFF THE BUCKET TO THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST AT THE END OF THE WEEK.**
- **If you notice (1) a serious odor, (2) no heat being generated, (3) unusual dryness or wetness in mix, (4) other problems, or have any questions, please call K.C. Alexander at x-2084. Thanks.**