



To: MUIRFIELD DESIGN CONTROL COMMITTEE

Application for: **Compost Bin**

Date: _____ Lot #: _____ Phase # _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

This application is presented to the Muirfield Design Control Committee (MDCC) to request approval for proposed changes to my home. I understand that the Committee meets regularly, that they may take up to 30 days to respond to this request and will respond sooner, if possible. To expedite the process, please find enclosed 2 copies of this application, all relevant details and the design review fee. One copy of this application will be kept on file at the Association office and the other will be returned to me. I understand that approval is granted on a case-by-case basis. Pertinent parts of this application include:

- A site plan showing the proposed location
- Show location of existing or planned evergreen shrubs or other landscaping that will be used to screen the receptacle from view
- A brochure describing the container identifying dimensions, material and color
- Photos of the installation area
- Design Review fee payment of \$15.00
- Expected Date of Completion _____

My signature below certifies my commitment to comply with all the requirements as outlined in the Design Standards and on the Guidelines.

Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

MUIRFIELD ASSOCIATION, INC.

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF COMPOST BINS

Compost Bins can be used to divert food scraps into nutrients and food for gardens. Composting involves mixing yard and household organic waste in a bin and providing conditions that encourage decomposition. The decomposition process is fueled by millions of microscopic organisms (bacteria and fungi) that take up residence inside the compost pile, devouring and recycling it to produce a rich organic fertilizer and valuable soil amendment. The MDCC will review requests for composting bins, taking into consideration the location, size and type of composting receptacle. The receptacle should be located at the rear of the property, in an inconspicuous area and camouflaged with evergreen materials or opaque fencing for year-round screening while still allowing full access to the unit. When selecting a site, consider how odor and sight nuisances could affect your neighbors. Noncompliance with the sight and odor requirements may result in the bin being permanently removed.

Compost Bins can prove to be an effective way to “go green”. Compost material can be used for organic fertilizer which is a valuable soil amendment.

Written approval from the Muirfield Design Control Committee must be obtained prior to installing the compost bin. This guide sheet will help you prepare the application for the best outcome. These guidelines are in accordance with the Muirfield Design Standards.

The following are required for compliance:

1. Submit 2 applications including pertinent drawings, brochures, photos and fee prior to starting the project.
2. Provide a site plan of property showing the proposed location and plants to be used for screening;
3. Provide several photos of the area;
4. Provide a detail sheet including material, size, style and bin color;
5. Landscape materials or fencing must screen the composting site from the street and neighboring views. Provide location, size and type of landscaping or fencing that will be used to screen the location.
6. Compost containers must be wholly screened from view, tucked into an inconspicuous area of the yard, and maintained on a regular basis to discourage odor and rodents.
7. Provide design review fee of \$15.00.

