

## Texas Nursery & Landscape Association Certified Professional Quarterly Quiz

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Choose only one correct answer for each question. A completed exam with a score of 75% will qualify for 1 CEU towards any TNLA certification. Quizzes scoring less than 75% will be returned and can be re-submitted. Correct answers can be sent upon request. We encourage you to return the completed quiz no later than September 16, 2006.

1. **It's hard to add too much organic matter since it breaks down and should be replenished every time the soil is worked.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a way of hurrying up the natural process of decomposition.
  - a. Filtering
  - b. Composting
  - c. Recycling
  - d. None of the Above
3. **There is only one right way to compost.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. \_\_\_\_\_ composts generate a lot of heat that kills pathogens and many weed seeds while \_\_\_\_\_ composts might be higher in nitrogen content, but can lose nutrients due to long exposure to weathering.
  - a. Slow/Fast
  - b. Gradual/Fast
  - c. Fast/Slow
  - d. Gradual/Slow
5. **The following type of composting involves combining shredded raw ingredients, at least 3 cubic feet of materials, and high moisture content.**
  - a. Warm
  - b. Cold
  - c. Hot
  - d. Cool
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ bin system organizes the process into beginning, middle, and storage compartments.
  - a. Three
  - b. Triple
  - c. Third
  - d. None of the Above
7. **For best results, try to use a combination of material that provides both carbon and nitrogen sources.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. **Which of the following are high carbon sources?**
  - a. Twigs
  - b. Straw
  - c. Wood Chips
  - d. All of the Above
9. **Coarse materials should be shredded or chopped to slow down decomposition.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
10. **How often should you stir and wet your pile to keep the composting process working?**
  - a. Once a day
  - b. Every other day
  - c. Twice a day
  - d. Every few weeks
11. **If the compost has bad odor, the pile might be staying too wet.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
12. **To eliminate the bad odor, add sawdust, straw, or chopped corn stalks to release excess moisture.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
13. **If the compost is damp and warm in the middle and nowhere else, the pile could be too \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - a. Small
  - b. Heavy
  - c. Large
  - d. Light
14. **If the heap is damp and sweet-smelling but still will not heat up, it is lacking \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - a. Coarse Material
  - b. Nitrogen
  - c. Carbon
  - d. Water
15. **Sources of nitrogen include:**
  - a. Grass Clippings
  - b. Manure
  - c. Worm Castings
  - d. All of the Above

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