Composting

Can youth do this job safely?

Youth must be able to do/have all of the following to perform this job safely:

- Avoid loose clothing, clothes with strings, tie up long hair
- Comply with the working outdoors guideline
- If using, comply with the operating a skid steer, operating a tractor and/or using a front-end loader guidelines
- Bend safely, using proper bending technique
- Lift safely, using proper lifting technique
- Limit weight of objects carried to less than 25% of body weight
- Carry load required distance without straining
- Physical stamina to perform job
- Coordination needed to manipulate tools
- Attention span long enough to complete work
- Recognize a hazard, problem solve, and respond appropriately
- React quickly to hazards
- Safely demonstrate the job 4 to 5 times
- Maintain two-way communication link



Adult Responsibilities

- Provide safe transport to worksite
- Ensure work area is as free from as many hazards as possible
- Educate youth on avoiding/addressing remaining hazards
- Provide youth with 10 minute break every hour and frequent stretch breaks
- Check that tools are properly sized for youth
- Fit youth for respirator if needed and demonstrate proper use
- Provide appropriate training
- Demonstrate how to safely compost materials
- If needed, operate wood chipper (youth should not operate wood chippers)

Supervision

10-11 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent (Limit job to 20 minutes and no tasks that involve sharp objects)
12-13 yrs	Constant supervision progressing to intermittent
14-15 yrs	Intermittent supervision progressing to periodic
16+ years	Periodic supervision

Hazards



Slippery/ uneven surface | Weight | Repetitive motion | Sharp objects | Dust/molds

Protective Strategies



Non-skid shoes | Gloves | Handwashing | Eye protection | Respiratory protection (if needed)



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