

Watching Wastes Rot: Record

Name: _____ Date experiment started: _____

Fill in the following table each time you check your pots. Under "Waste", write the name of the item that you buried in the pot. Under "Compost", describe the condition of the item buried in compost each time you check it. Include such things as how decomposed the item looks, what color it is, whether or not you see fungi (spots or thin strands) on it. Under "Sterile Mix", describe in the same way the condition of the item buried in the sterile mix.

Date: _____ Time since
waste was buried: _____

Waste	Compost	Sterile Mix
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Which items decomposed most quickly?

Which items didn't decompose to all?

In general, did items decompose more quickly in compost or in sterile mix? Why do you think this is true?