

MASS DOT

ITEM 767.12

COMPOST FILTER TUBES

FOOT

(Revised October 2012)

The purpose of this item is to provide a linear, compost-filled tube for filtering suspended sediments from storm water flow. This item shall conform to the requirements of Section 751 and 767 of the Standard Specifications and the following.

MATERIALS

Material for the filter tubes shall be compost meeting M1.06.0, except that no manure or bio-solids shall be used. In addition, no kiln-dried wood or construction debris shall be allowed. **Particle size analysis: 98% shall pass through a 3 inch (75mm) sieve; 30-50% shall pass 3/8 inches (10mm) sieve.**

Tubes for compost filters shall be a minimum of 12 inches (300 mm), a maximum of 18" (450mm) in diameter. Tube **material shall be a knitted mesh with 1/8" - 3/8" (3-10 mm)** openings, and made of biodegradable (cotton or jute) materials. Photodegradable (HDPE or polypropylene) fabric may be used; however, photodegradable fabric must be removed and disposed of by the contractor, at his expense, at the end of the contract. Additional tubes shall be used at the direction of the Engineer.

As shown in the detail, the 1 foot (0.2 meters) wide by 2 inch (50 mm) deep wedge of compost spread along the top of the filter tube shall be incidental to this item.

Stakes for anchors, if required, shall be nominal 2 x 2 stakes.

METHODS

Tubes of compost may be filled on site or shipped. Tubes shall be placed, filled and staked in place as required to ensure stability against water flows. All tubes shall be tamped to ensure good contact with soil.

The Contractor shall ensure that the filter tubes function as intended at all times. Tubes shall be inspected after each rainfall and at least daily during prolonged rainfall. The Contractor shall immediately correct all deficiencies, including, but not limited, to washout, overtopping, clogging due to sediment, and erosion. The contractor shall review location of tubes in areas where construction activity causes drainage runoff to ensure that the tubes are properly located for effectiveness. Where deficiencies exist, such as overtopping or wash-out, additional staking or compost material shall be installed as directed by the Engineer. Contractor shall remove sediment deposits as necessary to maintain the filters in working condition. The functional integrity of filter tubes shall be maintained in sound condition at all times. Filter tubes that are decomposing, cut, or otherwise compromised shall be repaired or replaced as directed by the Engineer and be incidental to this item.

Filter tube fabric and stakes shall be removed by the Contractor when site conditions are sufficiently stable to prevent surface erosion, and after receiving permission to do so from the Engineer. All biodegradable tube fabric shall be cut and laid flat in place to decompose on-site at the direction of the Engineer. Tube fabric that is not decomposing satisfactorily shall be removed and disposed off-site by the Contractor. At the direction of the Engineer, the Contractor may rake out and seed compost so that it is no greater than 2 inches (50 mm) in depth on soil substrate.

COMPENSATION

Measurement for this item shall be by the FOOT of Compost Filter Tube installed, approved, and maintained in place. Payment shall be the bid price and shall be compensation for all labor equipment and materials necessary to complete the work specified above, including, but not limited to, stakes and tube fabric, compost mulch wedge along top of tubes, removal and disposal of fabric and stakes, raking and seeding of compost.