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1	DEBORAH L. MARTIN and GRACE GERSHUNY, The Rodale Book of Composting book, c 1992, Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA. Page 163, 3rd paragraph, describes a heavy black plastic over a compost pile. Limitations: No air flow provision/no special thermal insulation/no provisions for over damping.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Commercial covering TopTex: <a href="http://www.polyfelt.com/material/02produkt/toptex/TopTex%20Kompostschutz%20englisch%20500161.pdf">www.polyfelt.com/material/02produkt/toptex/TopTex%20Kompostschutz%20englisch%20500161.pdf</a> Product: Air permeable polypropylene covering. Limitations: No special thermal insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4	Pictures of covering in a commercial compost operation: <a href="http://organic.tfrec.wsu.edu/compost/ImagesWeb/CompSys.html">http://organic.tfrec.wsu.edu/compost/ImagesWeb/CompSys.html</a> Picture 5 shows geotextile fabrics covering compost windrows. Limitations: No special thermal insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Commercial covering system AC Composter: <a href="http://www.compostsystems.com/ac_composter.html">http://www.compostsystems.com/ac_composter.html</a> Product: Covering of unknown construction (most likely geotextile fabric) Limitations: No special thermal insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Commercial covering Thermal Wrap: <a href="http://www.gardeners.com/Compost-Cover/default/36-679.prd">http://www.gardeners.com/Compost-Cover/default/36-679.prd</a> Product: Black polyethelene covering enclosing a bin. Limitations: No air flow provisions/no special thermal insulation/no provisions for over damping.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Commercial covering Compost Cover Rollup <a href="http://www.curryindustries.com/compost_cover.htm">http://www.curryindustries.com/compost_cover.htm</a> Product: Covering of unknown construction (most likely geotextile fabric) Observed limitations: No special thermal insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Council of Bay Area Resource Conservation Districts, Compost Horse Manure: <a href="http://californiarangeland.ucdavis.edu/Publications%20pdf/2%20Equine-Composting.pdf">http://californiarangeland.ucdavis.edu/Publications%20pdf/2%20Equine-Composting.pdf</a> Page 2 mentions use of a tarp. Limitations: No air flow provisions/no special thermal insulation/no provisions for over damping.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Unknown author, The Loehr Organic Project: <a href="http://www.stpetersabbey.ca/Loehr_Organic_Project/projects/compost/howtostart.html">http://www.stpetersabbey.ca/Loehr_Organic_Project/projects/compost/howtostart.html</a> The 6th paragraph under "How to Compost" cites wood, plastic sheeting, carpet scraps as possible covering. Limitations: No air flow provisions/no special thermal insulation/no provisions for over damping.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Commercial covering BioActive Windrow Compost Cover: <a href="http://www.asapsupplier.com/index.php/cPath/31">http://www.asapsupplier.com/index.php/cPath/31</a> Product: Air permeable covering. Limitations: No special thermal insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Monique Pare, et al, McGill University, Quebec, Canada, Covering Composting Windrows: Effects on the Process and the Compost: <a href="http://www.p2pays.org/ref/12/11547.pdf">http://www.p2pays.org/ref/12/11547.pdf</a> Use of geotextilecompost coverings are studied. Limitations: No special thermal insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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12	Unknown author, Organic Gardening From Down Under - Composting: <a href="http://www.organicdownunder.com/Compost.htm">http://www.organicdownunder.com/Compost.htm</a> Paragraphs 11 and 12 suggests black plastic, newspapers, and old carpet as coverings. Limitations: No air flow provisions/no special thermal insulation/no provisions for over damping/no UV protection.	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Commercial covering CompostTex: <a href="http://www.transformcompost.com/compostTex.htm">http://www.transformcompost.com/compostTex.htm</a> Product: Air permeable covering. Limitations: No special thermal insulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Basic composting information: <a href="http://www.montana.edu/wwwpb/pubs/mt9203.html">http://www.montana.edu/wwwpb/pubs/mt9203.html</a> Under "Pile Tips," rigid insulation panels covering is mentioned. Limitations: No air flow provisions/no provisions for over damping/no UV protection.	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington, Small Farm Composting Guide: <a href="http://www.sanjuanislandsdcd.org/Information/Composting/assets/Small_Farm_Composting.pdf">http://www.sanjuanislandsdcd.org/Information/Composting/assets/Small_Farm_Composting.pdf</a> Page 7 mentions use of a tarp. Limitations: No air flow provisions/no special thermal insulation/no provisions for over damping.	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Basic composting information: <a href="http://www.mcsf.org.au/documents/Sustainability%20Blitz%20fact%20Sheets/compostingLR.pdf">http://www.mcsf.org.au/documents/Sustainability%20Blitz%20fact%20Sheets/compostingLR.pdf</a> Page 2, paragraph 8, suggests hessian bag (British term for burlap bag), carpet, cardboard coverings. Limitations: No air flow provisions (other than hessian bag)/no provisions for over damping(encourages damping when covering are soaked)/no UV/ protection.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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