

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S
RULES FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
CHAPTER 391-3-4

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division ("EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to the Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4 pertaining to yard trimmings ("proposed Rule amendments"). The proposed Rule amendments are described below:

Rule 391-3-4-.04(7)(c), "Recovered Materials" is being amended to specify that a recovered material is not being speculatively accumulated provided that 75% of the material is either recycled, sold, used or reused within a calendar year.

Rule 391-3-4-.06(3)(f), "Yard Trimmings Waste Landfill Operations" is being added to allow Landfill Operations with less than 5 acres of waste disposal area and located in counties with a population less than 65,000 people and accepting only yard trimmings to be permitted under the permit by rule provision.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Rule amendments, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/chapter-391-3-4-rules-solid-waste-management> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program at (404) 362-2696 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Rule, a public hearing will be held at the following location:

July 7, 2016 (10 am – 12 pm); EPD Tradeport Training Room, Land Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on July 22, 2016. Written comments may be emailed to

EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to Branch Chief, Land Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words “Yard Trimmings” in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed Rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 31, 2016 in the DNR Boardroom, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public.

For further information, please contact Land Protection Branch, Solid Waste Management Program at (404) 362-2696.