



Overview of Composting Permits in Georgia

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Rules, Guidance and Permitting



Rules for Composting

Design Standards: Capacity, Equipment, Storage Time, Types of Waste, Air Quality, Wastewater, Fire Protection, Disposal of Surplus Compost.

Performance Standards: Supervision, Compost, Information Posted, Cleanliness and Sanitation

Solid Waste Regulations

- Solid Waste Handling Permit for processing is required if:
 - Solid waste such as garbage, food industry by-products, industrial or municipal sludge, or solid waste other than yard trimmings are being composted



Types of Solid Waste Permits for Composting

- Exempt
 - Yard trimmings
 - On site agriculture waste
 - On-site household waste
- Permit-By-Rule (PBR)
 - Applies to a facility that processes no less than 75% (by weight) of solid waste generated at the PBR facility or facilities owned by the same person who owns the PBR facility
- Full Solid Waste Handling Permit



Requirements for Solid Waste Handling Permit

- Application
- Siting
 - Zoning, consistent with the host jurisdiction's SW management plan, topography, floodplains, wetlands, stream, and hydrogeologic and site assessment
- Design standards
- Performance standards



Requirements for Solid Waste Handling Permit

Administrative Requirements

- Complete application for a solid waste handling permit and request for site suitability
- Documentation of public hearing held by the host jurisdiction



Requirements for Solid Waste Handling Permit

Design and Operational Plans (Design)

- Prepared by a Professional Engineer
- Site Design Sheet (property lines, site topography, existing physical/land features, facility layout, access to facility)
- Facility Layout (Receiving area, mixing area, composting area, curing area, finished product storage area, stormwater control, wastewater control, pad design)



Requirements for Solid Waste Handling Permit

Design and Operational Plans (Operation)

- Description of incoming waste
- Storage and containment
- Processing of waste
- Contingency and emergency procedures
- Supervision and manpower requirements
- Closure plan
- Financial responsibility



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