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Planned General Permit for Small Scale Food Waste Composting at Registered Leaf Composting Facilities

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Small Scale Food Scraps Composting

- Leaf Composting Facilities:

land, including structures and appurtenances thereon, other than home composting areas, where leaf composting takes place.

- Source Separated Organic Material:

organic material, including, but not limited to, food scraps, food processing residue and soiled or unrecyclable paper that has been separated at the point or source of generation from nonorganic material.



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Siting criteria for Registered Leaf Composting Facilities, pursuant to RCSA 22a-208i(a)-1

- 100' to surface water;
- 100' to property boundary;
- 250' from occupied buildings and drinking water wells;
- 5' between ground surface and seasonal high water table and bedrock;



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- Existing - General Permit for the Addition of Grass Clippings at Registered Leaf Composting Facilities
 - Recently reissued with changes to the siting criteria for the Addition of Grass Clippings at Registered Leaf Composting Facilities
- Proposed - General Permit for the Addition of Food Scraps at Registered Leaf Composting Facilities
 - Siting criteria will be comparable to the Addition of Grass Clippings GP criteria, but may be more stringent



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Additional Considerations for Addition of Food Scraps:

- Volume and mixing ratio (1 FS:3 L) limits for incorporation into leaf composting windrows
- Acceptable sources of food scraps
- Contaminant content
- Receipt of food scraps protocols
- Receipt contingent on sufficient leaves for mixing
- Vector and Odor control plans



Small Scale Food Waste Composting

- Standard Requirements:
 - Monitoring – Temperature, moisture content, etc.
 - Record keeping – Origin of food scraps, incoming volumes/tonnages, monitoring criteria, quality, etc.
 - Reporting – tonnages received, yield, outlets, etc.





- Recycling of source separated organic material
[CGS Sec. 22a-226e](#) & [DEEP Web page](#)
- Leaf Composting Regulations [RCSA Sec. 22a-208i\(a\)-1](#)



Questions?

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