

4 LEVELS OF REGULATION			
EXEMPT <sup>1</sup>	SMALL (Registration Required)	MEDIUM (Cat Compost)	LARGE (Full Cert)
Composting < 100cy/yr any feedstocks	Compost management area must be <4 acres (does not include finished compost storage areas or leachate/stormwater mgmt. areas)	Compost management area must be <10 acres (does not include finished compost storage areas or leachate/stormwater mgmt. areas)	Compost management area >10acres, or do not qualify for medium (does not include finished compost storage areas or leachate/stormwater mgmt. areas)
Managing <3000 cy/yr leaf/yard/plant/wood & <20% is grass	Composting <5000 cy/yr feedstocks, Including not >2000 cy food residuals/food processing residuals. No animal mortalities, slaughterhouse waste, or offal.	Compost <40,000 cy/yr, Including not >5000cy/yr food residuals/food processing residuals. Including not>10 tons/month animal, offal, or butcher waste	Compost >40,000 cy/yr, or <40,000 total but >5000 cy/yr food residuals/food processing residuals, or >10 tons/month animal, offal, or butcher waste
Managing food residuals in a digester and <1% of design capacity is food	Compost <10,000 cy/yr of solely leaf, yard & untreated wood residuals	Or composting >10,000cy/yr of leaf & yard waste	
Composting only manure, bedding, & clean carbon bulking agent	Not eligible for “small” if exempt from Act 250 under 10 VSA §6001(3)(D)(vii)(VI) [The compost is produced on a farm primarily used for the cultivation or growing of food, fibre, horticultural, or orchard crops] Note exemption expires 7/1/14.	May require Act 250 approval	May require Act 250 approval
Composting vegetative farm waste on a farm from any farm			
Composting <1000 cy/yr food processing residuals on a farm		NOTE: Composting any amount of sewage sludge, domestic septage, or septage is regulated as diffuse disposal	
Composting animal mortalities & slaughterhouse waste from a farm on the farm			

<sup>1</sup> Note, there are also non-compost exemptions in the organics section (6-1103), including: 8) on-farm disposal of animal mortalities from the farm; 9) burying up to 4 animal carcasses/yr if siting criteria are met; 10) household pet burial on owner’s property; 11) treatment or disposal of animals/birds/fish in case of emergency disease declaration; 12) Pet cemeteries.