

4 LEVELS OF REGULATION			
EXEMPT ¹	SMALL (Registration Required)	MEDIUM (Cat Compost)	LARGE (Full Cert)
Composting < 100 cy /yr organic feedstocks, of which no more than 42 cy/year is food residuals/food processing residuals. Offal, slaughterhouse waste, and animal mortalities from off-site are not exempted.	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/untreated wood & <20% is grass clippings	Composting <5000 cy/yr, 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
Composting only manure, bedding, & clean carbon bulking agent (any amount, provided the compost is used for soil enrichment)	Compost <10,000 cy/yr of solely leaf, yard & untreated wood residuals	Or composting >10,000cy/yr of leaf & yard waste	
Composting vegetative farm waste on a farm from any farm	May require Act 250 approval	May require Act 250 approval	May require Act 250 approval
Composting <1000 cy/yr food processing residuals on a farm			
Composting animal mortalities & slaughterhouse waste from the farm's livestock on the farm		NOTE: Composting any amount of sewage sludge, domestic septage, or septage is regulated as diffuse disposal	
Farms composting <2,000 cy/yr of food residuals/food processing residuals provided 1) 51% of finished compost is used on the farm or 2) composting occurs on a small farm that manages poultry. Note: Exempt from Solid Waste regulation, but permit required from the Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets			

¹ Note, there are also non-compost exemptions in the organics section (6-1103), including: 7) on-farm disposal of animal mortalities from the farm; 8) burying up to 4 animal carcasses/yr if siting criteria are met; 9) household pet burial on owner's property; 10) treatment or disposal of animals/birds/fish in case of emergency disease declaration; 11) Pet cemeteries; 12) organic solid wastes used as animal feed per Ag Commercial Feed Law.