



# Department of Resource Management

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## Commercial Organics Waste Waiver Application

**STATUS:**

**New**

**Renewal**

**WAIVER TYPE:**

**Physical Space**

**Collection Frequency**

**De Minimus**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact : \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	WASTE STREAMS		
	<u>Green Waste</u>	<u>Food Waste</u>	<u>Construction Materials</u>
Typical Waste Examples (yard clippings, potato peels, wood chips, etc.)			
Container Description* (material, size, lidded, etc.)			
Removal Method (self-haul, compost, etc.)			
Removal Frequency (daily, twice monthly, etc.)			

\*Waste containers must be waterproof, rodent proof, fly-proof, and equipped with tight-fitting lids suitable for receiving and holding, without leakage or escape of odors, all waste which is produced, created or accumulated upon the premises.

*I agree to keep records of my hauls including delivery and weight tickets. I agree and understand my property may be inspected for compliance with this Exemption Program and reasonable notice will be given prior to inspections. I understand that failure to comply with this Agreement may cause revocation of the exemption.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Business Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For office use only:

**APPROVED**

**DENIED**

**EHS**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

**De Minimis Waiver**

A commercial business must demonstrate that:

1. The businesses total solid waste collection is 2 cubic yards or more per week AND the organics waste generated on site is less than 20 gallons per week.  
OR
2. The businesses total solid waste collection is 2 cubic yards or less per week AND the organics waste generated on site is less than 10 gallons per week.

Generators must provide written verification of eligibility for this waiver every 5 years and notify the County if the waiver threshold is exceeded.

**Physical Space Waiver**

A business owner, property owner, staff, hauler, licensed architect, or licensed engineer must demonstrate that the premises lack adequate space for an organics waste configuration. Generators must provide written verification of eligibility for this waiver every 5 years and notify the County of any changes to available space.

**Definitions & Examples**

Organic waste: Solid wastes containing material originated from living organisms and their waste products. This includes but is not limited to food, green material, landscape and pruning waste, lumber, wood, paper products, printing and writing paper, manure, biosolids, digestate, and sludges.

*Examples: yard clippings, potato peelings, wood chips, newspaper, and compost.*

Incompatible Material: Human-made inert material including but not limited to glass, metal, and plastic. This includes organic waste for which the receiving end-user, facility, operation, property, or activity is not designed, permitted, or authorized to perform organic waste recovery activities.

*Examples: plastic-coated paper, bottle caps, and biodegradable plastics.*

Green Waste: Urban landscape waste generally consisting of leaves, grass clippings, weeds, yard trimmings, wood waste, branches and stumps, home garden residues, and other miscellaneous organic materials.

*Examples: grass clippings, twigs, compost feed, and wood chips.*

Food Waste or Putrescible Waste: Waste capable of being decomposed by microorganisms and could cause nuisances because of odors, vectors, gases or other offensive conditions. This includes materials such as but not limited to food wastes, offal and dead animals.

Construction Materials: Waste from building materials, such as lumber or packaging material, that does not contain incompatible material.

*Examples: lumber, wood, and cardboard packing materials.*

Paper: Products include but are not limited to paper janitorial supplies, cartons, wrapping, packaging, file folders, hanging files, corrugated boxes, tissue, and toweling.

*Examples: used paper towels, newspaper, and non-plastic-coated cardboard.*