

California Code of Regulations

Title 14. Natural Resources
Division 7. California Integrated Waste Management Board

DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR DISCUSSION- Revise exclusions in § 17855 to facilitate small-scale composting of food material.

Current regulations do not address the various types of small-scale composting activities. Staff proposes to revise exclusions to facilitate composting of food material and vegetative food material at non-commercial sites, such as community gardens and schools.

Proposed language:

CHAPTER 3.1. COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS HANDLING OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

ARTICLE 2. REGULATORY TIERS FOR COMPOSTING OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

§ 17855. Excluded Activities.

(a) Except as provided otherwise in this Chapter, the activities listed in this section do not constitute compostable material handling operations or facilities for the purposes of this Chapter and are not required to meet the requirements set forth herein. Nothing in this section precludes the EA or the board CalRecycle from inspecting an excluded activity to verify that the activity is being conducted in a manner that qualifies as an excluded activity or from taking any appropriate enforcement action.

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(4) Composting Handling of green material, and a limited amount of food material and vegetative food material, feedstock, additives, amendments, compost, or chipped and ground material is an excluded activity if the total amount of feedstock and compost on-site at any one time does not exceed 500 cubic yards or less is on-site at any one time, the compostable materials are feedstock is generated on-site, and if no more than 1,000 cubic yards of compost materials are either is sold or given away annually. For the purposes of this exclusion, the compostable material feedstock may also include contain any combination of up to 10% food material and vegetative food material not exceeding 20% of the feedstock on-site at any time, calculated by volume.

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(6) Non-commercial Composting is an excluded activity if the total amount of food material and vegetative food material on-site at any time does not exceed with less than one cubic yard, of food material is excluded provided that all compostable material all feedstock is generated on-site, and all of the resulting compost is used on-site.

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(10) Composting green material and vegetative food material at a shared, community garden space or at a school is an excluded activity if the total amount of material on-site at any time does not exceed five cubic yards, and all of the resulting compost is used at the shared, community garden or at the school.