

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Composting Rules**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 3734.02, 3734.028, and 3734.12 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to original file the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code:

- 3745-560-01 Composting facilities – applicability.
- 3745-560-02 Composting facilities – definitions.
- 3745-560-03 Plan view drawing update for class IV composting facilities.
- 3745-560-04 Composting – log of operations and annual report forms.
- 3745-560-05 Composting – closure cost estimate.
- 3745-560-07 Director’s general authorization of alternative materials and testing methods.
- 3745-560-15 Composting of dead animals and raw rendering material.
- 3745-560-26 Operator certification.
- 3745-560-100 Class I composting facility establishment.
- 3745-560-101 Criteria and procedures for approval, revocation, and administrative change of a class I composting facility permit to install.
- 3745-560-102 Procedures for commencement of operations at class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-105 Alternative materials request for class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-110 Operational requirements for class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-115 Record keeping requirements for class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-120 Composting distribution requirements for class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-125 Compost sampling and testing requirements for class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-130 Compost quality standards for class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-135 Closure requirements for class I composting facilities.
- 3745-560-200 Class II composting facility establishment.
- 3745-560-201 Criteria for approval and termination of a class II composting facility registration.
- 3745-560-202 Procedures for commencement of operations at class II composting facilities.
- 3745-560-205 Alternative materials request for class II composting facilities.
- 3745-560-210 Operational requirements for class II composting facilities.
- 3745-560-215 Record keeping requirements for class II composting facilities.
- 3745-560-220 Composting distribution requirements for class II composting facilities.
- 3745-560-225 Compost sampling and testing requirements for class II composting facilities.
- 3745-560-230 Compost quality standards for class II composting facilities.

3745-560-235 Closure requirements for class II composting facilities.
3745-560-300 Class III composting facility establishment.
3745-560-301 Criteria for approval and termination of a class III composting facility registration.
3745-560-302 Procedures for commencement of operations at class III composting facilities.
3745-560-305 Alternative materials request for class III composting facilities.
3745-560-310 Operational requirements for class III composting facilities.
3745-560-315 Record keeping requirements for class III composting facilities.
3745-560-320 Composting distribution requirements for class III composting facilities.
3745-560-325 Compost sampling and testing requirements for class III composting facilities.
3745-560-330 Compost quality standards for class III composting facilities.
3745-560-335 Closure requirements for class III composting facilities.
3745-560-400 Class IV composting facility establishment.
3745-560-401 Criteria for approval and termination of a class IV composting facility registration.
3745-560-402 Procedures for commencement of operations at class IV composting facilities.
3745-560-405 Alternative materials request for class IV composting facilities.
3745-560-410 Operational requirements for class IV composting facilities.
3745-560-415 Record keeping requirements for class IV composting facilities.
3745-560-435 Closure requirements for class IV composting facilities.

Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-560 contains regulations for composting facilities. The purpose of this rule making is to conduct the evaluation of the rules required pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 106.03.

The public comment period will run until September 25, 2025. A public hearing on this proposed rulemaking will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will be holding an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules on September 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The in-person hearing will be at the same time and date and will be located at Ohio EPA, Suite 700, 50 W. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules if participating virtually and verbally if participating in person.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4983481926735504733>.

Registration for the in-person hearing is not required. Citizens intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, (614) 644-2160 or by emailing mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov. Prior registration will ensure that registrants are heard ahead of those individuals who register at the hearing.

Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes, depending on the number of persons testifying. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and to present oral and/or written comments concerning the proposed rulemaking.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of Michelle Mountjoy at the Division of Materials and Waste Management, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049 or can be submitted electronically at: <https://ohioepa.commentinput.com?id=E3NVgDW7Z>. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same consideration as oral testimony. All testimony received at the hearing or by close of business on September 25, 2025, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rulemaking proposal. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Michelle Mountjoy at the Division of Materials and Waste Management at (614) 728-5372 or michelle.mountjoy@epa.ohio.gov.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DMWM receptionist at (614) 644-2621. In addition, full copies of all proposed rules are available for review at any Ohio EPA district office and at the Ohio EPA central office. The proposed rules are also accessible on DMWM web page at <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/materials-and-waste-management/regulations/proposed-rules>.

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