NOTE:
1. Exemption from local siting approval does NOT exempt a compost facility from IEPA permitting nor regulation.
2. No compost facility may pollute, whether operating under permit or an on-farm exemption.
3. If operating with an IEPA permit, expect at least two on-site inspections each year.
4. If operating an on-farm exemption IEPA will generally not provide on-site inspections unless IEPA receives a complaint.
5. A local siting exemption does not exempt the compost facility from IEPA regulations.

Questions about compost siting or other permits should be addressed to:

Illinois EPA
Bureau of Land
Bureau of Water
2200 Churchill Road
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Telephone: (217) 524 3300
Website: www.epa.state.il.us

More information can be found at the Swine Waste: Economical and Environmental Treatment Alternatives web site

Website: www.sweeta.illinois.edu
Or by contacting Paul Walker
Telephone: (309) 438-3881
Email: pwalker@ilstu.edu

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) is responsible for overseeing regulations involving the siting, development, operation and closure of all compost facilities in Illinois. Technically, within Illinois, compost facilities are considered Pollution Control Facilities. All Pollution Control Facilities must receive local (county or municipality) siting approval and permits from the IEPA for development and operation. Some exemptions for compost facilities are allowed.
**Local Siting Approval/IEPA Permits Are Required If:**

1. the one time total capacity of the compost facility is more than 30,000 cubic yards (including finished compost, composting material and raw material).
2. the size of the compost facility is larger than 2% of the acreage of the property.
3. the finished compost produced is sold (or given away).
4. if raw material is composted for someone else.
5. if the finished compost is not utilized by the owner/operator of the compost facility.
6. if landscape waste is a raw material and other additives such as manure are added in excess of 10% by volume.
7. if appropriate setbacks are not followed, including:
   - 200 feet from a well.
   - 5 feet above the watertable.
   - 1/4 mile from the nearest non-farm residence.
   - 1/2 mi. from the nearest populated area.
   - 660 feet from the nearest school or hospital.
   - located outside of the 10 year flood plain or is flood-proofed.

**Local Siting Approval Not Required If:**

Effective January 1, 2010

Compost Facilities are not considered Pollution Control Facilities and are exempt from local siting if:

1. livestock waste in the raw form or in the process of being composted does not exceed 30,000 cubic yards one time capacity of the facility.
2. all raw materials are placed in an enclosed air and temperature controlled vessel by the end of each day or if:
   a. all set backs are met.
   b. all raw material is processed into windrows or piles that prevent scavenging by birds and animals.

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**An On-Farm Compost Facility Exemption To Local Siting Approval / IEPA Permitting Applies If:**

1. the site is located on the farm on which the compost is applied.
2. the site is operated by the farmer of the property.
3. the farmland is in production of crops annually.
4. the size of the compost site is less than 2% of the acreage of the property.
5. the site is not owned or controlled by a waste hauler or commercial composter.
6. the farmer registers the site with the Illinois EPA by January 1st following commencement of operation and files a report each year thereafter.
7. if landscape waste is a new material and additives to the landscape waste such as manure do not exceed 10% by volume.
8. appropriate setbacks are followed.
9. if the finished compost is applied to farmland controlled by the owner/operator of the compost facility.
10. if livestock manure is mixed with other on-farm generated raw materials such as corn stalks, straws, hays, etc.