

Illinois Composting Regulation

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Compost!

4 composting jobs for every landfill job.

The Institute of Self Reliance estimates that four composting jobs are created for each landfill job needed to process the same amount of waste.



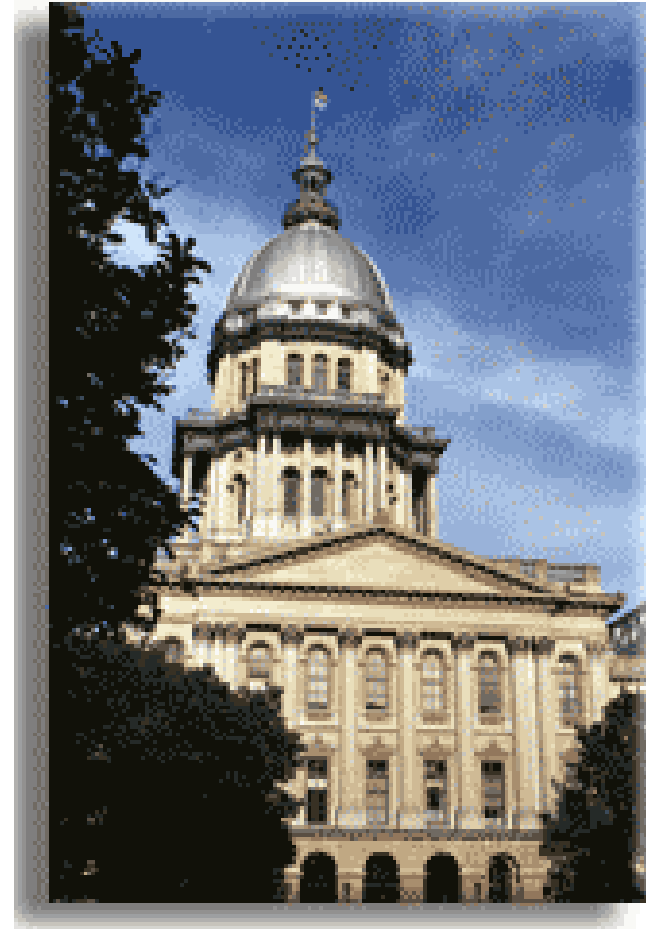
Problem before 2009

- Very difficult and often prohibitively expensive to obtain a permit to compost food scrap commercially in Illinois because these facilities are considered “Pollution Control Facilities” under Illinois law.
- Exemptions - **On-site composting which use the compost on-site.**



Solution - Part 1

- SB99, a bill introduced by State Senator Heather Steans, recently passed both the Illinois House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.
- Public Act 96-0418
- View full text at www.ilga.gov



Compost in Illinois



Goals

Illinois laws and regulations that will

- Grow food scrap composting in Illinois, but still
- Ensure that these composting facilities are real, legitimate composting sites and not environmental hazards.



Picture from the Village of Oak Park



Current problems

- Permit process still too expensive for small/medium facilities.
 - Process not appropriate for vermicomposting or other non-traditional composting opportunities.
- IEPA struggles with complaints about composting facilities and not enough resources to enforce the law.



2013 Compost Legislation

HB3319 – Expansion of
Rural On Farm
Composting
HB2335 – Suburban and
Urban On Farm
Composting
SB850 – Pilot
development of food
scrap composting
infrastructure



After passage - re-write local ordinances to encourage composting

- Backyard composting
- Community Composting
- Curbside Composting
- Encourage use of compost



What's next?

- Legislation to clarify anaerobic digestion.
- Better regulations for each tier.
- Encourage us of the end product.



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