

Introduced/Enacted Food Scrap/Compost/All Organics-Related Policy

2023

[Senate Resolution 62](#) Declared the week of May 7 - 13, 2023 as “Compost Awareness Week” in IL.



(ICAW 2023 Poster)

[House Bill 3277](#) Allows for incidental sales of finished compost without requiring a permit.



[Senate Bill 1555](#) Creates Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Act, which establishes a task force to study and make recommendations regarding packaging and paper products stewardship/extended producer responsibility.

[House Bill 2878](#) Includes language that encourages all State agencies and local governments to use finished compost/“compost products” in land maintenance activity projects (originally introduced as HB2569).



The six Bills identified below were introduced in 2023, did not pass, and may be re-introduced in 2024

[Senate Bill 0052](#) Declares the first full week of May every year as “Compost Awareness Week” in IL.

[Senate Bill 2155](#) Requires methane gas emissions caps and reductions in landfills.

[House Bill 2524](#) Creates a State goal to reduce by 50% the amount of food waste generated annually by 2030.

[House Bill 3158](#) Provides for natural organic reduction of human remains.

[House Bill 3235](#) Creates pilot program to incentivize on-farm compost use.

[House Bill 3627](#) Declares the first full week of March every year as “Soil Health Week” in IL.

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2022

[Senate Resolution 706](#) Declared the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022 as "Compost Awareness Week" in IL.



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2021

[PA 102-0444](#) Permanently moved the DCEO recycling program to IEPA.

2019

[House Resolution 109](#) Declared November 2019 as Food Pantry Donation Month to raise a greater awareness of food insecurity and its impact on Illinois residents.



(NT Township Food Pantry)

[Public Act 101-0510](#) Prohibits local governments from banning consumer use of personal containers for food purchases.

[Public Act 101-0484](#) Adds conservation of soil health, preservation of organic matter in soil and plants, water quality, and extreme weather resilience as soil and water conservation district purposes.

[Executive Order 2019-006](#) Orders the State to join the US Climate Alliance and commit to Paris Climate Agreement principles.

2018

[Public Act 100-0951](#) Required IDOT to conduct 2 pilot demonstrations using compost-amended soil prior to 12/31/2019 and to report results to ILGA by 12/31/2020; repealed by design 1/1/2022; report not submitted.

[Public Act 100-0709](#) Requires certain agencies adopt donation policies for excess food procured with State funds.

2017

[Public Act 100-0094](#) Allows the Lake County landscape waste transfer station created in 2015 to accept food scraps without going through local siting process (enacted after expiry of 2015 bill).

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2016

[Public Act 99-0552](#) Provides that a public entity shall not enter into a contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror if the bidder's or offeror's contract terms prohibit the public entity from donating food.

2015

[Public Act 99-0011](#) Allows organic waste drop off facilities, creating infrastructure.

[Public Act 99-0440](#) Extends 2014 pilot; adds a 3d location in Lake County; develops organic waste haul infrastructure.

[Public Act 99-0306](#) Extends the state's policy of supporting national recycling labeling laws to composting and biodegradable materials.

[Public Act 99-0034](#) Required state agencies responsible for maintaining public lands to determine if incorporating compost materials would reduce runoff and increase infiltration and report findings to the ILGA by 12/15/2015; not completed.

2014

[Public Act 98-0146](#) Allows two landscape-waste transfer stations to pilot food scraps collection with yard waste.

[Public Act 098-0731](#) Authorizes MWRD to accept food scraps and other organics to help generate renewable energy and to sell the renewable energy resources generated.

2013

[Public Act 98-0239](#) Creates opportunities for urban and suburban farmers to bring material from off site for composting and for community gardens to compost.

2010

[Public Act 96-0418](#) Allows Illinois yard waste composting facilities to add food scraps and avoid the state's siting process if food scraps constitute no more than 10% of the total volume handled at the facility.