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2024

[Senate Bill 3393](#) (Methane Emissions; Fine) - ensures more landfills are subject to US EPA regulations; requires better methane leak detection and gas capture methods at municipal solid waste landfills. (last year's SB 2155)

[Senate Bill 3267](#) (Composting Facility; Tracy) - allows for landscape waste composting operations without a permit on sites within one-half mile of 10 or more occupied non-farm residences.

[Senate Bill 2876](#) (Solid Waste Event Facilities; Villa) - requires event facilities with a maximum occupancy of at least 3,500 people to provide for the recycling and transfer of recyclable materials and for the composting of organic waste, which will be collected separately from recyclable materials (last year's HB 1370).

[Senate Bill 2816](#) (Organic Waste Composting Act; Johnson) - requires source separation and recycling of organics for large producers; establishes statewide goals of reducing organic waste sent to landfills; and requires county solid waste management plans to include compost programs for source separated organics.

[House Bill 5592](#) (Food Waste Disposal; Huynh) - provides that the definition of "municipal waste" does not include food residual or landscape waste resulting from commercial activities and provides for solid waste management plans to include provisions for diverting food waste and landscape waste from the landfill stream, prioritizing food consumption by humans, agricultural use, consumption by animals, and composting.

[House Bill 5283](#) (Landfill Gas Management; Mason) - reduces the requirement from 5 years to 1 year for installation of a gas collection and control system for municipal solid waste landfills.

[House Bill 5052](#) (Good Food Policy; Harper) - requires state agencies and state-owned facilities to implement Good Food Purchasing policies by prioritizing local suppliers, suppliers that consider community health issues, producers that comply with labor laws, and providing healthy and humane conditions for farm animals.

[House Bill 3158](#) (Natural Organic Reduction; Cassidy) - allows for the composting of human remains.

[House Resolution 320](#) (Reduce Food Waste/Insecurity; Ortiz) - urges the State to develop policies to reduce food waste and address increasing food insecurity.



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2023

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



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[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**).



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

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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.

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2022	<p>SR0706 (adopted 4/9/2022) https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/102/SR/PDF/10200SR0706lv.pdf Declared the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022 as "Compost Awareness Week" in IL.</p>
2021	<p>PA 102-0444 (effective date 8/20/21) https://ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/102/PDF/102-0444.pdf Permanently moves the DCEO recycling program to IEPA.</p>
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