

ILLINOIS NEEDS COMPOST



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ILLINOIS FOOD SCRAP
& COMPOSTING COALITION



The Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition (IFSCC) advances diversion and composting of all organic material in Illinois through advocacy, program implementation, market and business development, policy, and outreach.

Illinois businesses, institutions, and residents are driving the compost movement by proving that food rescue and organics diversion is happening successfully. By strengthening our compost infrastructure and state policies, we can improve soil health and make organics diversion accessible to every community in the state.

FOOD SCRAP DIVERSION

From 2 pilot food scrap collection programs to over 100 Illinois municipal programs

900,000+ residents have access to food scrap collection for composting



RESTAURANTS - Blind Faith Cafe



EVENTS - Chicago Marathon



HAULING



PROCESSING

USING FINISHED COMPOST



Compost strengthens soil, holds water, and returns valuable nutrients to the Earth. Composting lowers greenhouse gas emissions and reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers.

WHAT ILLINOIS NEEDS NOW

COMPOST to build community resiliency and strengthen Illinois soils

SUPPORT infrastructure, policy and compost use

BUY and USE Illinois finished compost to make this work financially



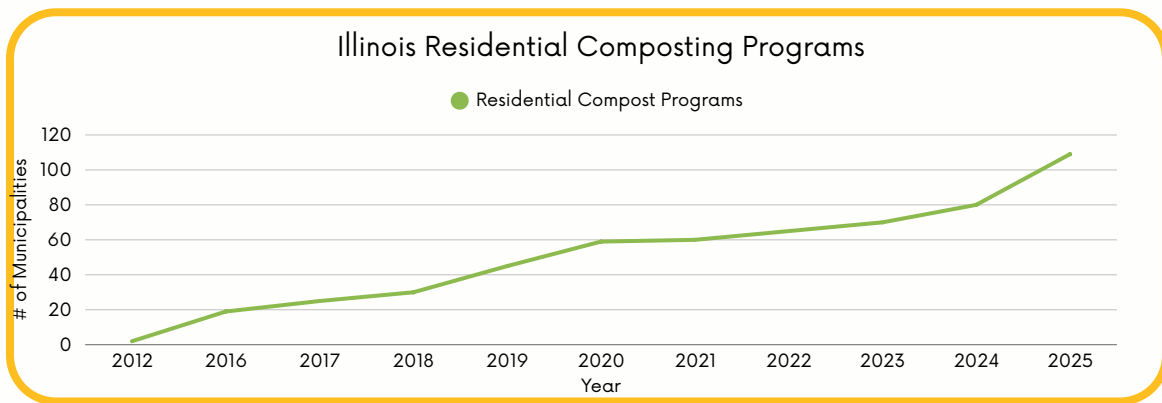
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✓ Resources

IFSCC has a wealth of resources and information including toolkits for businesses, multifamily buildings, municipalities; maps of composting infrastructure in Illinois (permitted compost facilities; where to buy finished compost); reports on barriers/solutions, economic impact, state policy; and countless other education tools

👥 Illinois Infrastructure



100+ Illinois municipalities = 900,000+ residents have access to food scrap collection for composting



“From compost awareness week, policy development, and of course the service map; we and the entire composting industry benefit from the work [IFSCC] members contribute... the collaborative space that Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition provides allows us to put our values into practice.”
~**Tom Straus, Co-Lead for The Urban Canopy’s Compost Club**

“Thanks to a partnership with **Midwest Organics Recycling** and the support of the Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition we’ve been able to deliver thousands of yards of compost each year to homes, businesses, municipalities, and public spaces throughout the Chicagoland area.”

~**Jim Seckelmann, President of The Mulch Center**



35 YRS OF IL COMPOST POLICY

LARGE EVENT FACILITIES RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING [Public Act 103-0927](#)

MOVED THE DCEO RECYCLING PROGRAM TO ILLINOIS EPA [Public Act 102-0444](#)

IDOT PILOTS USING COMPOST-AMENDED SOIL [Public Act 100-0951](#)

DONATION POLICIES FOR EXCESS FOOD PROCURED WITH STATE FUNDS required of certain agencies [Public Act 100-0709](#)

FORBIDS PUBLIC ENTITIES FROM SIGNING FOOD CONTRACTS THAT BAN FOOD DONATION [Public Act 99-0552](#)

LANDSCAPE WASTE TRANSFER STATION CAN ACCEPT FOOD SCRAP without local siting on a pilot basis [Public Act 98-0146](#)

MWRD ACCEPTS FOOD SCRAPS and other organics to help generate renewable energy [Public Act 098-0731](#)

COMPOST FACILITIES MAY ACCEPT FOOD SCRAP WITHOUT LOCAL SITING [Public Act 96-0418](#)

2025

DIVERT FOOD SCRAPS FROM LANDFILLS legislation introduced but not yet adopted [SB1398](#)

2024

2023

INCIDENTAL SALES OF FINISHED COMPOST without a permit [Public Act 103-0342](#)

USE OF FINISHED COMPOST encouraged for land maintenance activity projects for state agency and local governments [Public Act 103-0570](#)

2021

2019

ADDS CONSERVATION OF SOIL HEALTH, PRESERVATION OF ORGANIC MATTER IN SOIL for soil and water conservation district purposes [Public Act 101-0484](#)

2018

2017

ADDED 4TH LANDSCAPE WASTE TRANSFER STATION THAT CAN ACCEPT FOOD SCRAP without local siting [Public Act 100-0094](#)

2016

2015

ORGANIC WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITIES creating collection infrastructure [Public Act 99-0011](#)

ADDED 3rd COLLECTION LOCATION in Lake County (removed the 2014 pilot provision and made permanent) [Public Act 99-0440](#)

2014

2013

FARMERS MAY BRING MATERIAL FROM OFF SITE FOR COMPOSTING at urban and suburban farms (community gardens can compost) [Public Act 98-0239](#)

2010

1990

LANDSCAPE WASTE BANNED from Illinois landfills - [Public Act 85-1430](#)