



TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

MORTALITY COMPOSTING REGULATIONS

FOR

ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS

Do I Have To Obtain A Permit To Compost Dead Animals From My Farm?

No. According to Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §332.3(d)(2), agricultural operations that generate and compost animal carcasses on-site are exempt from Notification, Registration, and Permitting under Chapter 332 of that title. However, all compost operations must follow the General Requirements of 30 TAC §332.4 and 30 TAC §332.8(b). If you follow the composting guidance in your certified Water Quality Management Plan, you will meet those requirements.

What If I Compost Dead Animals From Another Farm?

The exemption noted above only applies where the composted materials are composted at the same location where they are produced. If you compost dead animals on your farm, but the source of the dead animals is a different farm, even if you own the other farm, you must notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of that activity, follow the General Requirements of §332.4, and the Operational Requirements of §332.23. You must also comply with the air quality requirements of 30 TAC §332.8(c) or obtain an air quality permit under Chapter 116, Title 30 Texas Administrative Code.

How Do I Notify TCEQ?

If you compost animals from another farm, you must submit to the Waste Permit Division of TCEQ a Notice of Intent to Operate a Compost Facility form (TCEQ-0651) and a TCEQ Core Data form (TCEQ-10400). Their contact information is as follows:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Waste Permits Division
MC-124 Municipal Solid Waste Permit Section
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087
Phone: (512) 239-2335

Where Can I Find More Information About Composting?

You may contact TCEQ as shown above. Also, the rules regulating composting activities can be found on the Texas Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.tx.us/tac/index.shtml. More information is available on TCEQ's website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/waste_permits/msw_permits/MSW_amIregulatedcomposting.html/.

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