

Solid Waste Composting Guidance for Urban Farms/Community gardens

NC DENR Solid Waste Section

*Tier 1 option:* Urban farms/community gardens that operate where the compost is produced from materials grown on the owners land and re-used on the owner's land and not offered to the public shall not require a permit as per rule 15A NCAC 13B .1402(g) (2).

*Tier 2 option:* Urban farms/community gardens that receive less than 1 cubic yard per week of nitrogenous material (including food waste) to mix with carbon sources for composting on site and the finished compost is not distributed to the public shall not require a permit.

*Tier 3 option:* Urban farms/community gardens that receive 1 cubic yard or more per week of nitrogenous material or distribute finished compost product to the public shall submit a compost demo application as per rule 15A NCAC 13B .1409 (b). The demo application shall be submitted annually.

This guidance shall not affect the applicability of any statutes, rules, regulations, or ordinances that may be imposed by other government agencies (local, state, or federal) that may have jurisdiction over this facility.

Additional information regarding solid waste composting is available at:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sw/compost>