



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection 2007 Compost Site Report

INSTRUCTIONS and DEFINITIONS

PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED REPORT BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2008

You can submit your Compost Site Report online via **eDEP** at: <https://edep.dep.mass.gov/DEPHome.aspx>.

eDEP requires a one-time online registration and should take no more than 10 minutes. If you have registered before, you do not need to do so again. MassDEP encourages filing electronically – it saves postage, paper, and natural resources and increases reporting accuracy and efficiency.

For questions on completing the Compost Site Report, please contact Julia Wolfe at MassDEP by phone at 617-292-5987 or via email at Julia.Wolfe@state.ma.us. For questions on the eDEP system, please contact Steve White at steve.white@state.ma.us or at 617-574-6888.

PLEASE NOTE: “Yard Waste Banned from Disposal”

The Solid Waste Management Facility regulations, 310 CMR 19.017(3), ban leaves, grass clippings, weeds, hedge clippings, and brush up to 1 inch in diameter from disposal.

Instructions:

1. Please report material collected in the calendar year period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
2. Please report all quantities in TONS. To calculate a quantity of organic material, estimate the dimensions of the windrow(s) at the time of deposition (the volume can reduce by 50% during the first four to eight weeks). For a “haystack” shaped windrow, the volume is approximately equal to the height times half the base width, times the length. Use the following factors to convert volume to weight:

Leaves: 5 cy/ton Grass: 3 cy/ton Brush: 4 cy/ton Food Waste: 1.33 cy/ton

3. If you collect material for composting but send it to another location to be composted, please complete and submit your report and indicate this status in Section E.1. This will ensure that this tonnage is not omitted.
4. If you are a municipal compost site serving only part of a municipality: Please only account for the organic material composted at your particular site, not all of the organic material generated in the municipality. MassDEP’s Municipal Recycling Data Sheet collects data on a municipality-wide basis.

Definitions:

Organic material: any material including deciduous and coniferous seasonal deposition (e.g., leaves), grass clippings, weeds, hedge clippings, garden materials, brush, and food waste.

Brush: means discarded material consisting of trees branches of any size and stumps, including but not limited to sawdust, chips, shavings and bark. Brush does not include other wood waste such as new or used lumber or wood from construction and demolition waste, which should not be reported on this form.