

# Waste (Solid)

## Solid Waste Composting Permit (SWC)

**What Activities Require This Permit?** The construction and operation of a solid waste composting facility.

**What Is the Purpose of This Permit?** To reduce adverse environmental effects from the composting of solid waste and to protect the health of the citizens of North Carolina.

**Who Issues This Permit?** N.C. Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section – Permitting Branch.

**How Much Will This Permit Cost?** A schedule of permitting fees may be found at the following link: <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WasteManagement/DocView.aspx?id=1819278&dbid=0&repo=WasteManagement&cr=1>. Please do not send fee with application. The Solid Waste Section will send an invoice for the application fee once the application is received and accepted. Additional information regarding permit types, definitions, and fees listed in North Carolina General Statute 130A-295.8(b), (c) and (d) can be found at the following link: [http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByArticle/Chapter\\_130A/Article\\_9.html](http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByArticle/Chapter_130A/Article_9.html)

**What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?** Invoices may be paid by check or electronically by echeck or credit card at [NC DEQ SWS ePayments](#).

**If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?** Make Check payable to: NCDEQ, Solid Waste Section. Mail to: N.C. Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section – Permitting Branch, 1646 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1646.

**Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit?** The Section does not provide application forms. Rather, application requirements are listed in rules. Rules and helpful guidelines may be found using the following links: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/waste-management-rules/solid-waste-rules> (See Section .1400) <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/solid-waste-section/composting>

**How Long Will It Take To Review My Application?** As indicated in North Carolina General Statute 130A-295.8(e), the division will make a determination on completeness within 90 days of receipt of the application. The division shall issue a draft permit decision on an application for a permit within one year after the division determines that the application is complete.

**Where Do I Submit My Application?** One (1) electronic copy of the application should be emailed to [Sherri.Stanley@deq.nc.gov](mailto:Sherri.Stanley@deq.nc.gov). If requested by the Section, a hard copy of the application or of the associated drawings can be mailed to N.C. Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Section – Permitting Branch, 1646 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1646.

**How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid?** A permit to operate a compost facility is issued for a period of ten years.

**Notes/Comments:** In regard to application submittal, the application fee, zoning approval, operation manual, permit application and site plan where applicable must be addressed before an application can be considered complete.

**Legal Authority/Statute Reference:** G.S. 130A-294; 130A-309.03; 130A-309.11; 130A-309.29.

**Link:** <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/solid-waste-section/composting>

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