

TITLE IV - HEALTH REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 33

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

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33.01 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. "Collection Hauler" means any individual or company collecting garbage, solid waste or yard waste, and hauling such material to an approved disposal site.
2. "Compost" means organic material resulting from biological decomposition of waste which can be used as a soil conditioner or soil amendment.
3. "Private Composting" means the process of private property owners creating compost on property they own from yard waste generated from their property.
4. "Yard Waste" means debris such as grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, brush and trees. Yard waste does not include tree stumps.

33.02 SEPARATION AND DISPOSAL. All yard waste shall be separated by the land owner or occupant from all other garbage and refuse accumulated on the premises for disposal by a collection hauler. Packaging and frequency of collection of yard waste shall be determined by the collection hauler. Yard waste packaged for disposal by a collection hauler shall not be placed in exposed collection areas more than twelve (12) hours prior to collection time.

33.03 COMPOSTING. Private composting shall be allowed without a permit. Private composting shall not be allowed within one hundred (100) feet of the nearest residence. Private composting shall not create a nuisance.

33.04 COMPOSTED MATERIAL. Composted material offered for sale as a soil conditioner or amendment shall be approved by the Iowa Department of Agriculture. County agencies responsible for maintenance of public lands shall give preference to the use of composted materials in all land maintenance activities.

33.05 INFRACTIONS. The provisions of Chapter 2 of this Code of Ordinances shall be applicable for violations of this chapter.