

**Composting Facility (CF) Permitting Requirements by Facility Type**

Authority: Section 9-1725, Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, & Code of Maryland Regulations 26.04.11

<b>A. Composting Facilities (Tier 1 &amp; Tier 2)</b>		<b>C. Composting at Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities (Tier 1 &amp; Tier 2)</b>		
<b>Choice #1 - General Permit</b>	<b>Choice #2 - Individual Permit</b>	<b>Choice #1 - General Permit</b>	<b>Choice #2 - Individual Permit</b>	<b>Choice #3 - Modification to Refuse Disposal (RD) Permit</b>
Submit to MDE a Notice of Intent (NOI) Form.	Submit to MDE 10 copies of the Individual Permit Application Form and the supporting materials.	Same as in A. Choice #1	Same as in A. Choice #2	Submit a letter requesting modification to the facility's RD Permit, with the following:
Submit Composting Facility Operations Plan with NOI per COMAR 26.04.11.09.	Submit Composting Facility Operations Plan with the application per COMAR 26.04.11.09.	<b>Permit Conditions</b> Standard, no variance allowed	<b>Permit Conditions</b> Facility specific	Drawings of on-site buildings and other composting facility structures, including any pads and contact water or storm water containment systems, showing the type of construction, layout, and dimensions.
Design and construct the facility in accordance with the requirements in COMAR 26.04.11.08, as applicable to the facility's tier.	Submit site design details with the application in accordance with the requirements in COMAR 26.04.11.08, as applicable to the facility's tier.	<b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #1	<b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #2	Drawings showing feedstock receipt and storage, compost storage, equipment storage, curing, and active composting areas.
<b>Permit Conditions</b> Standard, no variance allowed.	<b>Permit Conditions</b> Facility specific			Site design details in accordance with COMAR 26.04.11.08, as applicable to the facility's tier.
<b>Public Participation - Not Required</b>	<b>Public Participation - Not Required</b> Notice of application receipt will be published on MDE's Website, with a 30-day comment period. Permit Issuance Notice will be published on MDE's Website.			Composting Facility Operations Plan in accordance with COMAR 26.04.11.09.
<b>B. Composting at NWW Facilities (Tier 1 &amp; Tier 2)</b>				<b>RD Permit Modification Conditions</b> Facility specific
<b>Choice #1 - General Permit</b>	<b>Choice #2 - Individual Permit</b>			<b>Public Participation - Not Required</b>
Same as in A. Choice #1	Same as in A. Choice #2			
Unless Composting <b>Only</b> NWW under a Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility Permit	Unless Composting <b>Only</b> NWW under a Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facility Permit			
<b>Permit Conditions</b> Standard, no variance allowed	<b>Permit Conditions</b> Facility specific			
<b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #1	<b>Public Participation</b> Same as in A. Choice #2			

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- Note:**
- MDE requires that all permitted composting facilities be included in the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. However, this requirement is not a prerequisite for MDE issuing a CF Permit or a modification to the RD Permit.
  - Individual Composting Facility Permit Application is available at MDE's website: [www.mde.maryland.gov/composting](http://www.mde.maryland.gov/composting)
  - Notice of Intent (NOI) Application for General Permit will be available in Spring 2016.
  - The Existing Composting Facilities that have already submitted Existing Facility Notification Form must obtain the CF Permit or RD Permit Modification by January 1, 2017.

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