

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? Fees for Solid Waste Composting facilities are as follows:

Facility Category	Fee
Annual Permit Fee (Large Compost Facilities only)	\$500
New Application - Large Compost Permit (Large Type 1, 2, 3, or 4)	\$50
New Application - Small Compost Permit (Facility is less than 2 acres and has no more than 1,000 cubic yards of material (total of Type 2, 3, or 4 materials and finished product) on site at any time)	\$0
New Application - Small Type 1 Compost Facility (Sites must notify at YWN Notification , no permit required. Facility is less than 2 acres and has no more than 6,000 cubic yards of material (total of yard waste, clean wood waste, and finished product) on site at any time)	\$0

See the Solid Waste Section's [schedule of permitting fees](#).

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees? Payments may be made by check or electronically by echeck or credit card.

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? Application guidance is found on the Branch website (see link below) or by contacting Branch staff at 919-707-8200. Requirements are listed in the [.1400 rules](#).

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 dwm.swspermitapplications@ncdenr.gov. The permit engineer may request a hard copy of the application text and/or drawings which 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? Solid waste compost permits can be issued for up to 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>

Statewide Contact Information:

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