

**567—105.4(455B,455D) Specific requirements for yard waste composting facilities.** Yard waste composting facility operators are encouraged to be trained, tested, and certified by a department-approved certification program upon approval of such a program by the department.

**105.4(1)** Before the composting facility commences operation, the department and the field office of the department serving the composting facility's location shall be notified in writing of the following:

- a.* The location of the composting facility.
- b.* Legal description of the facility.
- c.* Landowner's name, telephone number, and mailing address.
- d.* Responsible party's name, telephone number, and mailing address.
- e.* Annual capacity of the facility.
- f.* Method of composting to be employed.
- g.* Source of the yard waste and any necessary bulking agent. This description must include a description of service area defined in terms of municipalities wherein sources of the material are located.

**105.4(2)** The facility shall have a permanent sign posted at the entrance specifying:

- a.* Name of operation.
- b.* Operating hours.
- c.* Materials which are accepted or the statement "All materials must have prior approval."
- d.* Telephone number of 24-hour emergency contact person.

**105.4(3)** The area of the composting facility must be large enough for the volume of yard waste composted.

**105.4(4)** Yard waste must be taken out of containers before composting, unless the containers are compostable.

**105.4(5)** Aerobic conditions shall be maintained in accordance with best management practices.

**105.4(6)** An annual report for the previous fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 shall be submitted to the department by July 31 of each year. The report shall be submitted using Form 542-3276C, provided by the department, and all applicable sections of the form must be completed.

These records shall be maintained by the facility for a period of three years for inspection and evaluation by the department.