

1721.0740 COMPOSTING ANIMAL CARCASSES.

Subpart 1. **Composting process.** Unless otherwise authorized by the board, all of the following criteria must be met for the disposal of animal carcasses by the composting process:

- A. carcasses must be covered with litter at all times;
- B. the ratio of carbon to nitrogen in each compost pile must be between 15:1 and 35:1;
- C. each pile must be turned completely at least once every 21 days to add essential oxygen to the composting material;
- D. the composting material must be kept moist to ensure proper bacterial growth; and
- E. the compost pile temperature must reach a minimum of 130 degrees Fahrenheit during each of two heating cycles during the composting process.

Subp. 2. **Pest control.** Flies, rodents, and other vermin must be controlled around composting facilities.

Subp. 3. **Finished product.** The finished product resulting from the composting of animal carcasses must not contain visible pieces of soft tissue.

Subp. 4. **Inspection.** The board may inspect composting facilities to determine if the composting process meets all of the requirements of this part.

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