

Land Application CalRecycle Regulations

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Disposal of compostable materials does not include Land Application.









- Land application means the final deposition of compostable material and/or digestate spread on land. The material must meet limits on:
 - Effective January 1, 2016:
 - Maximum metal concentrations and pathogen density
 - Application frequency and depth
 - Effective January 1, 2018:
 - Physical contaminants



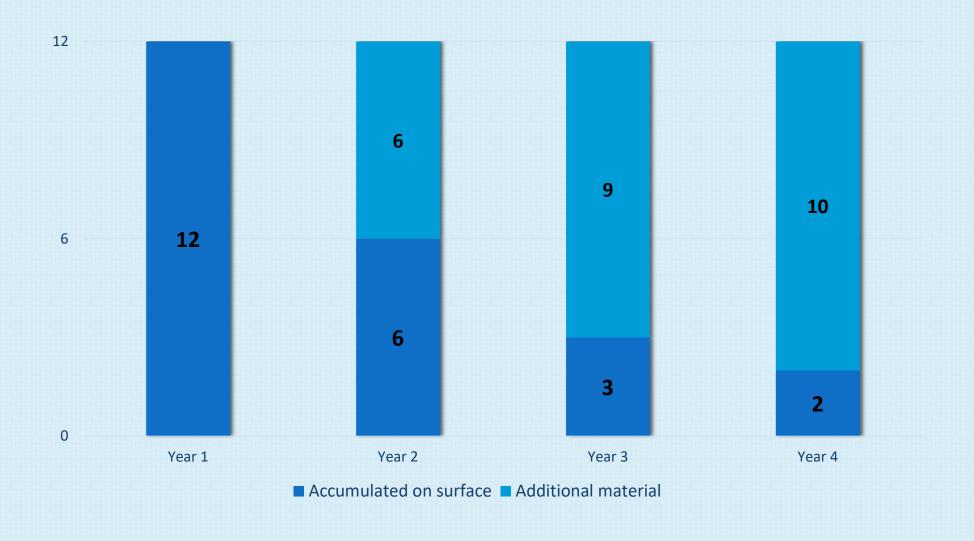
- Maximum metal concentrations
 - Same as existing compost requirements: Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium*, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium*, and Zinc
- Pathogen Density Limits
 - Same as existing compost testing requirements: fecal coliform and Salmonella sp.
 - Does not require time/temperature requirements (e.g., 131°F for 15 days)



Frequency and Depth limits

| ZONING | FREQUENCY | DEPTH | ALTERNATIVES With EA Approval in Consultation With | |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------|
| | | | RWQCB | CDFA* |
| Land <u>NOT</u> zoned only for agricultural uses | <u><</u> 1 per 12-month period | ≤ 12 inches accumulated on surface | Χ | |
| Land zoned only for agricultural uses | S per 12-month period | ≤ 12 inches accumulated on surface | X | X |

^{*} CalRecycle coordinates EA requests for consultation



Verification of compliance with the requirements must be provided to the EA upon request.





Exceptions

- Compost (produced in compliance with regulations)
- Gardening or landscaping on a parcel of land 5 acres or less
- Federal, State, or local government entity land application
- Beneficial reuse at landfill
- Agricultural by-products material as authorized by SWRCB or RWQCB
- Beneficial reuse of biosolids per Federal and State requirements

Summary

- Land Application: material must meet limits on:
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