

Policies for Composting & Compost Use

Many local and state policies are available to advance composting. Check out these model examples and various strategies to further local composting and circular communities.

Decentralized Local Infrastructure

- Establish a per-ton [waste disposal surcharge](#) to fund composting and more
- Promote contracts and partnerships with local operators and businesses
- Provide grants, loans, and technical assistance to local projects and facilities
- Support capacity-building tools like [tax exemptions](#), [planning](#), and [agency coordination](#)

Waste Reduction

- Institute [pay-as-you-throw](#) trash fees
- Establish [mandatory reporting](#) for large food waste generators

Breaking Barriers to Entry

- Exempt on-farm and decentralized composting from [permit requirements](#)
- Include decentralized composting in [zoning code](#)
- Regulate permits based on [performance standards](#)
- Establish the right to compost for [HOAs and condos](#)
- Expand reliable land access

Healthy Soils & Food Resiliency

- Support [on-farm](#) composting and compost use
- Require [compost-amended soil](#) for disturbed land
- Include composting in [healthy soils](#) and carbon sequestration programs
- Address [contamination](#) with organics source separation and quality standards

End Markets for Compost

- Mandate government compost [procurement](#)
- [Incentivize](#) compost application

Organics Diversion & Recovery

- Ban [yard trimmings](#) and [food scraps](#) from landfills and incinerators
- Establish a 75% food recovery goal by 2030
- Implement a moratorium on new incinerators

Education & Outreach

- Support master composter [train-the-trainer](#) programs
- Promote [Healthy Soils](#) and [Compost Awareness](#) Weeks