New 2020 Mandatory Waste Collection Program

Questions and Answers

Q: What definition does Yolo County use to approve composting exemption applications?
A: Yolo County enforces the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 17225.14 which states that “composting” includes the controlled microbial degradation of organic wastes yielding a safe and nuisance free product.

Q: If I have a burn pile does this qualify for a composting exemption?
A: No, since food waste and green waste must both be diverted from the solid waste stream, and the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District does not allow the burning of food waste, this alone would not qualify you for an exemption.

Q: Would the County consider feeding food scraps to livestock such as chickens or goats an alternate method to composting?
A: Yes, please attach a picture of your livestock to meet the food waste diversion portion of the exemption. You will also need to attach a photo of what is done with green waste to meet the other diversion requirements of this program.

Q: Would the County consider feeding food scraps to cats or dogs an alternative method to composting?
A: No.

Q: Do you have a photo of acceptable compost methods?
A: Yes, see pictures below

Q: What authority does Yolo County have to enforce organics collection.
A: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enW7SgSt1U&feature=youtu.be

Q: If I throw my food or green waste loose into an irrigation ditch is this an acceptable method of diversion?
A: No, this is also considered improper disposal of litter or waste per County Code Title 6, Chapter 7 and should be stopped immediately. A copy of this code can be found online at:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/yolocounty/latest/yolo/0-0-0-7690

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