

City of Eagan, Minnesota

Code and Ordinance

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F. Backyard composting.

1. Requirements. No composting shall be permitted except in residential dwelling districts and agricultural districts upon compliance with the following requirements:

(a) Yard waste shall be composted within an enclosure with a minimum of three sides or circular, not to exceed a total of 100 cubic feet in volume for the residential lots of 12,000 square feet or less or 150 cubic feet for residential lots with an area of more than 12,000 square feet. The containers shall be of durable material such as wood, plastic, fiberglass, or metal fencing material;

(b) Only yard waste, sawdust, wood ash, straw, kitchen wastes, which have been placed initially in the center of the compost pile, and commercially available compost ingredients to accelerate composting may be placed in the compost enclosure;

(c) No meat, bones, fat, oils, dairy products, food other than kitchen waste as defined in subdivision 1, subparagraph K, synthetic fibers, human or pet waste, or diseased plants shall be placed in the compost enclosure;

(d) Compost shall be properly maintained to minimize odor generation and to promote effective decomposition of the materials; and

(e) The compost enclosure shall be located behind the residential dwelling and shall not be within 30 feet of any habitable building, 30 feet of a public right-of-way, and five feet of any property line.

(f) The compost enclosure must be located above the 100-year high water level for the closest adjacent pond.

2. Noncompliance. Any violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this subdivision shall constitute a public safety and health hazard, and the owner or occupant of the lot or tract of land on which such public safety and health hazard is located is primarily responsible for its abatement. If any such owner or occupant fails to assume the primary responsibility to abate the public safety and health hazards after notice thereof is given, then the city may cause such abatement to be done. The owner and occupant shall pay all charges and expenses incurred by the city in connection with the abatement within 30 days of the date of invoice. If the charges are not paid, they shall become a lien upon such real estate. The city clerk-treasurer shall certify to the county auditor of the county a statement of the amount of the cost incurred by the city. Such amount, together with interest, shall be entered as a special assessment against such lot or parcel of land and be collected in the same manner as the real estate taxes.