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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE  
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 80

Department or Agency: Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries  
Animal Industry

Rule No.: 80-3-20-.06

Rule Title: Use of Composting

Intended Action Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer

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Date

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 AUG 19, 2026

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES  
ANIMAL INDUSTRY

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 80-3-20-.06 Use of Composting

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The rule change aims to rename organizations that provide recommendations for constructing composting facilities. The proposed rule also clarifies the existing language regarding composter operations

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Views may be presented in person on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium of the Richard Beard Building, 1445 Federal Drive, Montgomery, AL 36107

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

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(Signature of officer authorized  
to promulgate and adopt  
rules or his or her deputy)

Use of Composting.

Composting facilities shall be constructed according to recommendations published by ~~Agricultural Engineering, Auburn University~~-Cooperative Extension Service, ~~Auburn, University~~Alabama Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Composting shall be practically odorless and managed so that pathogenic bacteria are destroyed (150 degrees F.). Carcasses must be totally reduced. Composter must be operated in a manner that prohibits insects and predators. ~~Composting may be used as a second-stage cycle for a dehydrated product, following approved guidelines.~~

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §2-16-41.

**History:** March 26, 1985. **Amended:** Filed November 17, 1995; effective December 22, 1995; This rule is not operative until July 1, 1996. **Amended:** Published November 30, 2022; effective January 14, 2023. Amended: Published ; effective .