

Local Government Compost Procurement Ordinance (CPO) Adoption and Reporting Requirements

[RCW 43.19A.150](#)

Why an organics management law?

Implementing the law will help the state achieve its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals by:

- Expanding markets for compost.
- Increasing compost production through organics diversion from landfills.
- Increasing compost production and use from organic material collected locally.

Who is required to adopt a CPO and report to Ecology?

- Counties and cities with a population of more than 25,000.
- Counties with a population fewer than 25,000 that contract to provide or require the UTC-franchised hauler(s) in their county to provide residential curbside organic material collection services.
- Cities with a population fewer than 25,000 that directly provide, contract to provide or require the UTC-franchised hauler(s) in their jurisdiction to provide residential curbside organic material collection services.

Who is not required to adopt a CPO and report to Ecology?

- Counties and cities with a population of fewer than 25,000 where residential curbside organic material collection services are not provided.
- Counties and cities with a population of fewer than 25,000 where the hauler provides residential curbside organic material collection services to customers however the hauler is not required to provide the service by the jurisdiction.
- Cities with a population of fewer than 25,000 where residential curbside organic material collection services are provided by the UTC-franchised hauler(s) under a requirement set by the county.

What to report to Ecology

Cities required to adopt a CPO should report the following:

- Total tons of organic material collected:
 - by all curbside programs they directly provide, or contract with a hauler(s) to provide.
 - at drop-off sites they operate, or they contract with a third- party to operate.
 - by residential curbside programs they require the UTC franchised hauler(s) to provide in their jurisdiction.
 - Jurisdictions should use conversion formulas in [Ecology's General Measurement Standards and Reporting Guidelines \(wa.gov\)](#).
- The facility or facilities used for processing this organic material.

What to report to Ecology (continued)

Counties required to adopt a CPO should report the following:

- Total tons of organic material collected:
 - at drop-off sites they operate, or contract with a third-party to operate.
 - by residential curbside programs they contract with a hauler to provide or require the UTC-franchised hauler(s) to provide in their county.
 - Jurisdictions should use conversion formulas in [Ecology's General Measurement Standards and Reporting Guidelines \(wa.gov\)](#).
- The facility or facilities used for processing this organic material.

Cities and counties required to adopt a CPO should also report:

- The compost purchases *only* for compost purchased directly by them and for compost purchased by contractors hired by them.
- The source or sources of the compost purchased.
- The volume and cost (without sales tax) of compost purchased throughout the report year, from each source. (If 100% compost is not available, jurisdictions should report the quantities and costs based on the percentage of the blended product that is compost.)
- Cities and counties that enter into collective purchasing agreements should only report the volume and cost of the compost they purchased under those agreements for use by their jurisdictions.
- Cities and counties should also report compost they produce themselves and use in public projects, or compost that is provided to them at no cost.

When to report to Ecology

- The first annual report is due by March 31, 2025 and should include the available data for 2024.
- After that, reports are due by March 31st each year on the previous years' data.
- Ecology is developing an online system for local governments to submit their compost procurement activity reports. We anticipate the new reporting portal to be available by the end of 2024.

How to learn more

- Check out the [Compost Procurement Ordinance and Reporting focus sheet](#).
- Visit the [BOX platform](#) for additional resources including examples of compost procurement ordinances.
- [Subscribe to the Organics Management Newsletter](#).
- Contact our Organics management Team at Organics@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 628-7374.



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