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DIVISION of MUNICIPAL and RESIDUAL WASTE

GENERAL PERMIT WMGM015

**PROCESSING OF WOOD, TIMBER, LEAF, AND YARD WASTE
FOR BENEFICIAL USE AS MULCH AND COMPOST**

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A. Description:

This general permit authorizes:

1. Processing and beneficial use of timber waste (i.e., tree stumps, limbs, clean wood, untreated and unpainted wood, and clean pallets), hereinafter referred to as “wood waste”, to produce mulch for landscaping purposes. The approved processing is limited to size reduction (grinding), screening, mixing and biological decomposition of the wood waste prior to beneficial use as a landscaping material; and
2. Processing and beneficial use of leaf and yard waste (i.e., source segregated leaf and yard waste, grass clippings, clean wood chips from site mulch production) to produce compost. The approved processing is limited to the following:
 - a. Screening, mixing without the addition of additives (i.e., uncontaminated soils, virgin sand, uncontaminated potash, manufactured urea, or agricultural lime, etc.) and biological decomposition of the yard waste prior to beneficial use as a composting material.
 - b. Blending of the screened, biological decomposed yard waste with uncontaminated soils, virgin sand, uncontaminated potash, manufactured urea, or agricultural lime to produce specialty soil mixes for landscaping purposes.

B. Determination of Applicability Requirements:

A person or municipality that proposes to operate under the terms and conditions of this general permit after the date of permit issuance must obtain a “Determination of Applicability” (“DOA”) from the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection (Department) Regional Office (see attached list) prior to commencing authorized activities under this general permit. A completed application on forms provided by the Department along with the application fee for a DOA must be submitted to the appropriate Department Regional Office. Checks shall be made payable to the “Commonwealth of Pennsylvania”. No activities shall commence unless approved, in writing, by the Department.

C. Operating Conditions:

1. Upon issuance of the general permit, the permittee shall perform the following activities:
 - a. The permittee shall initiate construction of the storm water management control measures described in the Storm Water Management Control Plan that was approved by the Department as part of the permit application. The construction of storm water control measures shall be supervised by a Pennsylvania registered Professional Engineer.

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- b. The permittee shall implement the phase and/or sequence of construction milestones, showing the beginning and completion date, for the construction of storm water control measures required in this condition.
2. Upon completion of the construction of the storm water control measures required in Condition C.1., above, the responsible engineer must complete, sign, date, seal and submit the Form 37 (Certification of Facility Construction Activity) to the Department. The permittee shall continue the implementation of storm water control measures approved by the Department at the facility.
 3. This general permit authorizes the use of aerated piles, static piles, or windrows to produce the mulch material and compost as follows:
 - a. The aerated or static piles of mulch material, and compost piles or windrows shall be constructed parallel to the slopes of the site.
 - b. The aerated or static piles of mulch material, during the processing operation, shall not exceed 50 feet wide by 20 feet high.
 - c. At a minimum, the temperature of the aerated or static piles of mulch material, during the processing operation, shall be maintained in the range of $45^{\circ}\text{C} - 60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($113^{\circ}\text{F} - 140^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 72 consecutive hours.
 - d. The aerated piles, static piles or compost windrows shall be turned, and the turning frequency shall be consistent with currently accepted science-based technology.
 - e. The processed mulch material and compost shall be cured for a minimum of 30 days prior to beneficial use.
 - f. The storage of finished mulch material shall not exceed 50 feet wide and 35 feet high.
 - g. The compost piles or windrows during the processing operation, shall not exceed 30 feet wide by 15 feet high and 150 feet long.
 - h. At a minimum, the temperature of compost piles or windrows, during the composting operation, shall be maintained in the range of $45^{\circ}\text{C} - 60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($113^{\circ}\text{F} - 140^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 15 days.
 - i. The optimal moisture content of compost piles or windrows, during composting operation, shall be maintained in the range of 40% - 65%.
 - j. The oxygen content of compost piles or windrows, during composting operation, shall be maintained at the level of greater than 5%.
 - k. Compost piles or windrows shall be constructed within one week following receipt of compostable material at the facility.

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- l. Leaf and yard waste must be incorporated or mixed into the partially composted windrows or new windrows shall be created, within 72 hours, of receipt of the leaf and yard waste.
 - m. At a minimum, 20 feet of space shall be maintained between the aerated piles, static piles, or windrows to allow the unobstructed movement of emergency personnel and equipment.
 - n. No ponding of run-on or run-off is allowed. Any surface water management system depression accumulating run-on or run-off shall be regraded or otherwise corrected within 24 hours of detection.
4. The tipping, staging, curing, and processing areas of mulch and compost material shall be constructed and maintained in a well-drained area with a workable surface and slope of 2% - 4% to prevent ponding and control surface water runoff. The tipping, staging, curing, and processing areas shall be delineated by markers meeting the requirements of 25 Pa. Code §281.211(b).
5. The finished mulch may be beneficially used if the chemical analysis of finished mulch material does not exceed the concentration limits for any parameter specified in Table 1., below. After the chemical analysis of representative samples of the finished mulch material has been conducted at the frequency specified in Conditions C.7. and C.8. of this general permit for a two-year period and has met the concentration limits specified in Table 1. of this condition, the Department may reduce the required frequency of monitoring if a written request for the reduction of sampling frequency is submitted by the permittee. The sampling frequency cannot be reduced to less than once per year. A written approval from the Department must be obtained prior to commencing a reduced sampling frequency.

Table 1

Parameters	Total (mg/kg)¹	Leachable² (mg/L)
pH	6.0 - 9.0 Std Unit	-
Arsenic	41	1.25
Barium	5,000	50.0
Boron	7,000	3.15
Cadmium	20	0.125
Chloride	-	250
Chromium (Total)	1,000	2.5
Copper	700	32.5
Lead	200	1.25
Mercury	20	0.05

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Table 1 – Continued...

Molybdenum	75	-
Nickel	200	17.5
Nitrate Nitrogen	Monitoring	10
PCBs	5	-
Selenium	60	1
Sulfate	-	250
Zinc	1,000	125
¹ Dry Weight Basis ² Leachability evaluations shall be conducted using the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (EPA method 1311) or the Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (EPA method 1312).		

The determination of compliance with Table 1 may be based on the 90 percent upper confidence level for each metal or the 80 percent confidence interval for pH using the Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste (EPA SW-946) as guidance for the statistical treatment of data.

6. The permittee shall collect representative samples of finished mulch material and analyze for the total (mg/kg) and leachable (mg/L) levels for each parameter specified in Table 1 of Condition C.5. of this general permit. Upon request by the Department, the permittee shall also collect and analyze representative samples of the finished mulch materials as required in Condition C.5. of this general permit within 48 hours of the request.

7. In compliance with the requirements specified in Condition C.5. of this general permit, representative samples of the finished mulch material must be collected and analyzed. To obtain a representative sample of the finished mulch material, the sample must be taken from the correct locations and represent the entire amount of finished mulch material. More than one sample is usually necessary to accurately represent the finished mulch material produced and stored. Core samples at different locations and at various depths shall be collected and then composited to obtain a representative sample of the finished mulch material produced and stored. The key is to obtain a representative sample. In general, the more samples taken, the greater the chance that the sampling results will be representative of the quality of the finished mulch material that is produced.

Should knowledge of the production of finished mulch material, visual observations or analytical results indicate variability in the quality of the finished mulch material, more frequent testing shall be conducted.

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8. The frequency of monitoring for the constituents required in Table 1. of Condition C.5. of this general permit shall be as follows:

Table 2 – Frequency of Monitoring

Amount of Finished Mulch Material Produced (Tons per 365 Day Period)	Frequency of Monitoring
Greater than 0 but less than 290	Once per year
Equal to or greater than 290 but less than 1,500	Once every 6 months
Equal to or greater than 1,500 but less than 15,000	Once per 90 days
Equal to or greater than 15,000	Once per month

9. The finished mulch material that does not meet the requirements as specified in Condition C.5. of this general permit shall be managed properly at a permitted disposal facility.
10. The use of vegetable or non-toxic and biodegradable dyes to color the finished mulch materials authorized under this general permit. Other additives may only be utilized if approved in writing by the Department.
11. Best Management Practices shall be implemented to divert storm water run-on from the storage area. Storm water runoff shall be managed in accordance with The Clean Streams Law and regulations promulgated thereunder. Prior to beginning operations at the facility, the operator must obtain all necessary storm water management permits. Storm water run-on at the facility shall be diverted away from the wood waste, leaf and yard waste, processing, tipping, staging, curing and storage areas of the finished mulch material and finished compost material. Surface water controls must be constructed and maintained to prevent ponding and excessive wetting and shall be based on a 24-hour precipitation event to be expected once every 25 years.

Runoff from the wood waste, leaf and yard waste, processing, tipping, staging, curing, storage areas and leachate from the production of mulch material or compost, if generated, shall be directed to:

- a. A properly sized vegetated filter area for treatment.
- b. A properly sized holding pond for later reuse, or
- c. A holding tank for later disposal.

The permittee shall not cause or allow a point or non-point source discharge of the combined stormwater runoff and leachate in this condition from the facility to

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the surface water of this Commonwealth. An NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit may be required if a point or non-point source discharge of the combined stormwater runoff and leachate to the surface waters of the Commonwealth exists.

12. Construction and demolition waste, concrete, asphalt, painted and treated wood, plastic bags, particle board, food waste, food processing sludge, spent mushroom substrate, manure, dewatered dredge, non-compostable residues, contaminated soils, waste sands, waste potash, waste lime, waste materials not identified in Section A., above, are not authorized under this general permit.
13. Rejected and other wastes, other than wood waste and leaf waste specified in Section A. of this general permit, that are not authorized under this general permit, shall be separated from the incoming wood waste and leaf and yard waste intended for beneficial use in the production of mulch and compost material.
14. Wastes other than wood waste and leaf and yard waste specified in Section A. of this general permit, may not be received mixed, stored, or beneficially used with the wood waste, leaf and yard waste authorized under the general permit in the production of mulch or compost material. Unauthorized wastes shall either be rejected or returned with the delivering vehicle or shall be removed weekly from the site and properly disposed of at a permitted waste disposal facility. Any on-site storage shall comply with the requirements as specified in Pa. Code, Chapter 285.
15. The working surface (i.e., processing and storage areas) of the mulch and compost material should be firm, uniformly graded, dry and as follows:
 - a. Soil of moderate permeability: A compacted mixture, at least four feet thick, of select granular material with adequate fine-grained particles to bind it together and reduce permeability.
 - b. Soil of rapid or very rapid permeability: A clay or geosynthetics liner to address permeability and stability as well as to reduce the leaching potential problems.
 - c. A surface paved with concrete or asphalt.
16. The finished mulch or finished compost material shall not be used as a valley fill material, to fill open pits from coal and non-coal mining or other fills, or to level an area or bring an area to grade.
17. A copy of the County Conservation District approved Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) Control Plan, for the mulch and compost operations, must be maintained at the facility at all times. The E&S plan must be implemented during all phases of mulch and composting operations at the facility. A copy of the approved E&S plan must be provided to the Department upon request.

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18. The wood waste, timber waste, leaf waste and yard waste, finished mulch material and finished compost material authorized under this general permit shall be managed in accordance with the permittee's application. Except to the extent the permit states otherwise, the permittee shall utilize the wood waste, timber waste, leaf waste and yard waste, finished mulch material and finished compost material for beneficial use purposes as described in the permit application.
19. The permittee generating the finished mulch material and finished compost material shall inform all persons or municipalities, and entities that will subsequently sell the material, who propose to beneficially use the finished mulch and compost material covered under this general permit, of the conditions and limitations imposed on the beneficial use of the finished mulch material and finished compost material by the Department. This notification shall be by providing a copy of Appendix A (Use Restrictions) of this general permit. The conditions in Appendix A also apply to any municipality or person who obtains a Determination of Applicability to conduct activities authorized by this general permit, and all subsequent end-users of the finished mulch material and finished compost material.

The permittee shall record the name and address of each person who is given or purchases the finished mulch material or finished compost material, or both and shall record its intended use. This information shall be included in the annual report required in Condition E.2. It is incumbent upon the permittee to ensure that all users of the finished materials, approved under this general permit are aware of the conditions in Appendix A of this general permit.

20. Unless specifically approved by the Department in writing, wood waste, leaf and yard waste, partially processed materials, finished mulch and finished compost material shall not be stored for more than one (1) year, and at any one time the maximum amount stored may not exceed the total amount of materials as described in the approved application, and as follows:
 - a. The wood waste and leaf and yard waste are not accumulated before being beneficially used unless the permittee shows that the wood waste and leaf and yard waste are potentially reusable and have a feasible means of being beneficially used; and
 - b. During the calendar year (commencing on January 1), the wood waste and leaf and yard waste that are beneficially used or transferred to a different site for beneficial use, equals at least 75% by weight or volume of the wood waste and leaf and yard waste accumulated at the beginning of the period. In calculating the percentage of turnover, the 75% requirement is to be applied to each waste of the same type (i.e., tree stumps, limbs, clean wood, untreated and unpainted wood, pallets, leaf, and yard waste) that is beneficially used in the same way (that is, from which the same material is recovered or that is used in the same way).
21. The finished mulch material and finished compost material authorized under the terms and conditions of this general permit shall cease to be a waste if the following requirements are met:

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- a. The finished mulch material or finished compost material complies with the requirements as specified in Conditions C.3. and C.5. of this general permit.
 - b. The finished mulch material or finished compost material is sold, traded, distributed, or given away for landscaping activities. This provision applies to the finished mulch material or finished compost material that is sold, traded, distributed, or given away for landscaping activities at locations other than the processing facility where the materials are produced.
 - c. The finished mulch material or finished compost material is not abandoned or disposed; and
 - d. The beneficial use of finished mulch material or finished compost material complies with the terms and conditions specified in Appendix A "User Restrictions" of this general permit.
22. The mulch and compost material shall not be processed as follows:
- a. Within 100 feet or less of a perennial stream.
 - b. Within 33 feet of an intermittent stream.
 - c. Within 300 feet of a water supply source.
 - d. Within 300 feet of an exceptional value wetland.
 - e. Within 100 feet of a wetland other than an exceptional value wetland.
 - f. In a 100-year flood plain or below the 100-year flood plain.
 - g. Within 3.3 feet of a regional groundwater table.
 - h. Within 100 feet of the edge of a sinkhole or area drainage into a sinkhole.
 - i. Within 50 feet of a property line
23. The beneficial use of finished mulch material or finished compost material is contingent upon compliance with conditions of this general permit and, if sold, the Pennsylvania Fertilizer Act and the Pennsylvania Soil and Plant Amendment Act of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (Information relating to these laws may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture by writing the Bureau of Plant Industry, Division of Agronomic Services, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.)
24. Upon cessation of permitted operations at the facility, the permittee shall remove all wastes and finished mulch material and finished compost material and provide for the processing, recycling, beneficial use, or disposal of wastes or finished material in accordance with the SWMA, the environmental protection acts, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

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25. The activities authorized by this permit shall not cause or allow conditions that are harmful to the environment, public health or safety, including but not limited to, odors, noise, or other public nuisances. The permittee shall not cause or allow the attraction, harborage, or breeding of vectors. Storage of the produced compost shall be covered to prevent dispersal by wind or water erosion and in a manner that prevents fire or explosion. The produced compost may not be stored in a manner that causes ground or surface water contamination.
26. The local police, fire department, or other appropriate state or local emergency response agencies shall be contacted immediately in the event of a fire, spill, or other hazard arising from the storage and curing of produced compost that threatens public health, safety, and welfare, or the environment, and whenever necessary in the event of personal injury related to such storage.
27. The permittee shall develop and implement a Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan (PPC) that is consistent with the Department's most recent guidelines.
28. All activities conducted under the authorization granted in this permit shall be conducted in accordance with the permittee's application. Except to the extent the permit states otherwise, the permittee shall utilize materials as described in the permit application.
29. The permittee shall comply with the fugitive emissions regulations under 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 123 (relating to standards for contaminants) issued under the Air Pollution Control Act, the Act of January 8, 1960, P.L. 2119, 35 P.S. §4005, and shall comply with all the applicable provisions of 25 Pa. Code §§123.1 and 123.2 (relating to prohibition of certain fugitive emissions and fugitive particulate matter).
30. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to supersede, amend, or authorize a violation of any of the provisions of any valid and applicable local law, ordinance, or regulation, providing that said local law, ordinance, or regulation is not preempted by the Solid Waste Management Act (SWMA), 35 P.S. §§ 6018.101—6018.1001; and the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988, 53 P.S. §§4000.101, et seq.
31. As a condition of this general permit and of the permittee's authority to conduct the activities authorized by this general permit, the permittee hereby authorizes and consents to allow authorized employees or agents of the Department, without advance notice or search warrant, upon presentation of appropriate credentials and without delay, to have access to and inspect all areas on which solid waste management activities are being, will be, or have been conducted. This authorization and consent shall include consent to collect samples of waste, soils, water, or gases; take photographs; perform measurements, surveys, and other tests; inspect any monitoring equipment; inspect the methods of operation and inspect and/or copy documents, books, and papers required by the Department to be maintained. This permit condition is referenced in accordance

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with Sections 6018.608 and 6018.610(7) of the SWMA, 35 P.S. §§ 6018.608 and 6018.610(7). This condition in no way limits any other powers granted under the SWMA.

32. Any independent contractors or agents retained by the permittee in the completion of activities authorized under this general permit shall be subject to compliance history review by the Department prior to performance of any activities, as specified by the SWMA.
33. Failure of measures herein approved to perform as intended, or as designed, or in compliance with the applicable laws, rules, and regulations and terms and conditions of this permit, for any reason, shall be grounds for the revocation or suspension of the permittee's approval to operate under this permit.
34. The activities authorized by this general permit shall not harm or present a threat of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the people or environment of this Commonwealth. The Department may modify, suspend, revoke, and reissue the authorization granted in this general permit if it deems necessary to prevent harm or the threat of harm to the public health, and the environment or if they cannot be adequately regulated under the conditions of this general permit.
35. The permittee shall comply with the terms and conditions of this general permit and with the environmental protection acts to the same extent as if the activities were covered by an individual permit. The Department may require an individual permit be obtained if the permittee cannot comply with the conditions of this general permit or is conducting an activity that harms or presents a threat of harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the environment of this Commonwealth.
36. This permit does not authorize and shall not be construed as an approval to discharge any waste, wastewater, or runoff from the processing, tipping, staging, curing and storage areas where solid waste management activities are conducted to the land or waters of the Commonwealth.
37. The permittee shall maintain in force and affect a general liability insurance policy in accordance with 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter D (relating to Financial Assurances Requirements) to provide continuous coverage during operation of the facility and until the Department issues a final closure certification.
38. The permittee shall maintain a bond in an amount and with sufficient guarantees as provided by 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 271, Subchapter D (relating to Financial Assurances Requirements).
39. The bond filed with the Department under Condition C.38. shall continue for the operational life of the facility, until 10 years after final closure of the facility, unless released in whole or in part by the Department, in writing, prior thereto as provided by 25 Pa. Code §271.341(relating to Release of Bonds).

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40. Equipment used for the storage the wood waste, timber waste, leaf waste, yard waste, finished mulch material and finished compost material shall be maintained in good operating condition to prevent wood waste, timber waste, leaf waste, yard waste, finished mulch material and finished compost material from being unintentionally conveyed out of the storage areas. Weekly inspections of each storage area and surrounding environs shall be conducted to determine compliance of the terms and conditions of this general permit and for evidence of failure.
41. Storage of wastes authorized under this general permit by the permittee shall be in a manner that complies with the requirements set forth in 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 285 (relating to storage, collection, and transportation of municipal waste).
42. The wastes authorized under this general permit shall not be mixed with other types of solid wastes, including hazardous waste, residual waste, special handling waste, or other municipal waste, as the terms are defined in 25 Pa. Code § 271.1.
43. Analytical testing required by this general permit shall be performed by a laboratory accredited under the Pennsylvania Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act, Act of 2002, 27 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 4101-4113.

D. Recordkeeping:

1. The permittee shall maintain records of all analytical evaluations conducted in accordance with this permit and records that demonstrate that the finished mulch material and finished compost material met the time and temperature requirements specified in Condition C.3. Required records shall be made available to the Department upon request and shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years. Records of analytical evaluations must include, at a minimum, the following for each sample: the dates of sampling and testing, sampling procedures utilized, name of the individual who collected the sample, the volume or weight of the sample, each parameter tested, the analytical results, the name of the analytical laboratory used, and the analytical methodologies employed.
2. The permittee shall maintain records of all waste accepted by the facility, and records shall be made available to the Department upon request. Required records shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years. Records of each source of incoming waste must include, at a minimum, the following: the name, address, and phone number of each source of incoming waste; the date of receipt; the quantity of waste received; the results of visual observations; and the name, address, and phone number of the destination of each outgoing shipment of waste. The permittee shall also maintain records of spills or releases that include, at a minimum, the following: the location, date, time, identification, and quantity of spilled or released material, and a description of how the material was cleaned up. The permittee shall also maintain records of all reports submitted to the Department or to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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3. The permittee shall maintain records of rejected, unacceptable and unauthorized wastes that are transported for disposal from the facility. The records shall be made available to the Department upon request. Required records shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years. The records shall include the name and address of disposal location, date of disposal, and volume or weight of the waste that is disposed.

E. Reporting Requirements:

1. Any person that operates under the provisions of this permit shall immediately notify the Department via certified mail of any changes in: the company name, address, owners, operators, and/or responsible officials of the company, compliance status, the status of any permit issued by the Department or federal government under the environmental protection acts, changes in land ownership or the right to operate on the land occupied, the physical or chemical characteristics of the finished mulch material or finished compost material, the manufacturing process which generates the mulch material or compost material, and a change in status of bonding and insurance of facility.
2. Persons operating under the provision of this general permit shall submit to the appropriate Department Regional Office (see attached list), an annual report on the beneficial use activities conducted under this permit by March 1 for the preceding calendar year. This report shall include the information outlined in Conditions C.7. - C.9. C.11., C.13., C.14, C.19., D.1. - D.3., and the following:
 - a. The name and address of each generator of the wood waste;
 - b. The weight or volume of the wood waste and leaf and yard waste used in the production of mulch and compost material;
 - c. The weight or volume of the finished mulch material and finished compost material produced, stored, sold, traded, or given away during the preceding 12 months;
 - d. Laboratory reports for the "total" and "leaching" analyses for the finished mulch material for all parameters listed in Table 1 of Condition C.5. of this general permit. The analysis data submitted in compliance with this requirement must be from samples of the finished mulch material collected within the past 12 months
3. The permittee shall immediately notify the Department's Emergency Hotline by telephone at 800-541-2050 and the waste management program in the appropriate DEP regional office (see attached list) of any accidental spills and shall take appropriate immediate action to protect the health and safety of the public and the environment.

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F. Renewal:

A person or municipality that plans to continue the operations authorized under this general permit, after the expiration date indicated on the approval for coverage page, shall file a complete application for permit renewal at least 180 days before the expiration date of this general permit unless permission has been granted by the Department for submission at a later date. The renewal applications shall be submitted to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see attached list) and include, at a minimum, the following:

1. General Information Form (Authorization Application for a Residual or Municipal Waste General Permit Application),
2. Form B (Professional Certification),
3. Form 20 (Application for a Municipal or Residual Waste General Permit),
4. Form 27M (Acceptance of General Permit Conditions),
5. Updated Bond Calculation Worksheets, if necessary, and
6. DOA application fee in the amount identified in Section A (General Information) of the Form 20. A check shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

A copy of the renewal application shall also be sent to the Department's Bureau of Waste Management, Division of Municipal and Residual Waste, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 69170, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9170.

In the event that a timely and complete application for renewal has been submitted and the Department is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to reissue the general permit or approval for coverage before its current coverage expiration date, the terms and conditions of the approved coverage will automatically continue and will remain fully effective and enforceable pending the issuance or denial of the renewal for permit coverage, provided the permittee is, and has been, operating in compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit.

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APPENDIX A

**USE RESTRICTIONS
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The following "Use Restrictions" apply to the beneficial use of finished mulch as a landscaping material and/or finished compost material. Persons or municipalities receiving, storing and/or using the finished mulch material or finished compost material for beneficial use purposes must comply with the following requirements:

USE RESTRICTIONS:

1. The finished mulch material or finished compost material shall not be placed in direct contact with surface water or groundwater.
2. The finished mulch material or finished compost material shall not be used as a valley fill material, to fill open pits from coal or non-coal mining or other fills, or to level an area or bring an area to grade.
3. Hazardous waste, municipal waste, special handling waste, and other residual wastes may not be mixed and/or stored or beneficially used with the finished mulch material or the finished compost material.
4. The finished mulch material or finished compost material shall be stored in a manner that prevents harborage or breeding of vectors or creation of odor, litter, noise, and other nuisances which may be harmful to the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment. Storage shall be in a manner that prevents dispersal of waste, mulch and compost material by wind or water erosion or a risk of fire or explosion and shall comply with the requirements of Title 25 Pa Code, Chapter 285 (relating to Storage, Collection and Transportation of Municipal Waste).
5. Runoff from the finished mulch material or finished compost material storage areas shall not cause surface water pollution or groundwater degradation and shall be managed in accordance with The Clean Streams Law and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**Department of Environmental Protection
Regional Offices
(and Counties Served)**

- I. Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia.

Southeast Regional Office

2 East Main Street
Norristown, PA 19401
Phone: (484) 250 - 5960

- II. Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming.

Northeast Regional Office

2 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790
Phone: (570) 826 – 2516

- III. Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York.

Southcentral Regional Office

909 Elmerton Avenue
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