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PROCEDURE FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF COMPOST

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT-SHA) maintains a list of registered compost producers. Compost shall conform to [920.02.05](#) of MDOT-SHA's Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials.

If you are interested in qualification of your product, visit Maryland's Product Evaluation Listing (MPEL) located at <https://apps.roads.maryland.gov/MPEL/> and select VENDOR REGISTRATION to begin.

When your registration has been accepted, you will receive an email requesting submission of the following information into MPEL:

1. Proof that source-separated yard waste compost for general use is produced and distributed in conformance with COMAR 15.18.04 regulations of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), and/or that biosolid compost is produced in conformance with COMAR 26.04.11 regulations of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).
2. Manufacturers shall contact MDA at 410-841-2729 regarding certification and registration procedures for source-separated yard waste compost for general use, or shall contact MDE at 410-537-3315 regarding certification and registration procedures for biosolid compost.

Approved products are required to continue to meet specifications. Materials used based on Certificates of Compliance may be sampled and tested after qualification per [920.02.05](#). Products found not in compliance with contract requirements or specifications will be subject to rejection whether in place or not. Samples of the product may be taken by the Administration periodically to ensure quality assurance and quality control.

Inform the Administration immediately of any changes in the composition of the product. After MDOT-SHA has reviewed the changes, a new sample(s) may be requested to be submitted along with the information above.

Producers are required to recertify their Compost every 5 years to remain on the QPL beginning January 2015. Cost reimbursement of \$50.00 will be applied for the Recertification process. Notifications with payment information and details will be emailed two months prior to the Recertification date. Products approved within 36 months of the Recertification Date are exempt.