

Industrial Solid Waste Fact Sheet

Food Waste- Category 25

Definition

Food wastes include products from local food manufacturers that do not meet production specifications or become out-of-date. The Department encourages the use of rendering services for all waste derived from meat processing operations.

Special Disposal Conditions

The Waste will be directed to the Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility (OWEF) or the Olmsted County Kalmar Landfill depending on the physical and chemical characteristics of the waste material.

Generator Requirements

No analytical testing is required but the generator must ensure the waste does not contain free liquids by completing the “Absence of Free Liquids Certification Form” (see example below).

Procedures

Typical Delivery types

- bags
- semi-loads
- drums

Background

Periodically, local food manufacturers have food ingredients and products that cannot be utilized in their manufacturing process because they do not meet production specifications or become out-of-date. When possible, these wastes will be directed to other food waste processing outlets, if they are available. Co-composting with yard waste will not be allowed because of potential vermin attraction. Sometimes, however, off-specification or out-of-date food wastes are not suitable for use at any outlet, or they cannot be directed to other outlets because of time constraints. In such instances, food wastes shall be processed or disposed of in accordance with the procedures outlined in the “Disposal” section.

Disposal

The waste material will be directed to the Olmsted County Waste-to-Energy Facility (OWEF) or the Olmsted County Kalmar Landfill depending on the physical and chemical characteristics of the waste material.

Testing Requirements

In general, no analytical testing is required; however, generators of food wastes that have a potential of containing free liquids (as defined by Minnesota Administrative Rules) must complete the Absence of Free Liquids Certification Form (see page 3) and/or analyze a representative sample of the waste using analytical method SW-846 9095B, known as the "paint filter test."

Documentation

A current, approved Industrial Solid Waste Evaluation Form must be on file with the Olmsted County Environmental Resources Department. The waste hauler must present a current, approved Non-Hazardous Industrial Solid Waste Tracking Form at the time of delivery. If applicable, a signed Absence of Free Liquids Certification Form must accompany the waste at the time of delivery.

Special Generator Requirements

Ensure the waste does not contain free liquids. This includes the removal of all liquids from cans, bottles, and other containers.



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ABSENCE OF FREE LIQUIDS CERTIFICATION

GENERATOR NAME: _____
GENERATOR ADDRESS: _____
CONTACT NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY: _____
WASTE DESCRIPTION: _____
INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE APPROVAL NUMBER: _____

Minnesota Administrative Rules, part 7055.0300, subpart 39, defines a free liquid as "the liquid produced when a 100-milliliter representative sample of solid waste is placed on a standard 400-micron conical paint filter for five minutes." Minnesota Administrative Rules, part 7055.2535, subpart 1, prohibits the disposal of free liquids, or wastes containing free liquids, at a regulated solid waste management facility. As such, Olmsted County solid waste management facilities will accept for disposal only wastes that do not contain free liquids as defined by Minnesota Administrative Rules.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above described waste that I have delivered to an Olmsted County solid waste management facility for disposal is not a free liquid and does not contain any free liquids as defined by Minnesota Administrative Rules 7055.0300, subpart 39. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines, imprisonment, or both for knowing violations.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (PRINTED NAME) _____ TITLE _____

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