

Composting and Incinerating Toilets Guidance Document

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The use of composting toilets and incinerating toilets require a permit by the Agency of Natural Resources (Agency) under the Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rules (Rules). The contents removed from a composting toilet or incinerator toilet are considered to contain pathogens and disposal of the contents must comply with § 1-929 of the Rules. The following outlines the requirements of for disposal of the contents of composting toilet or incinerating toilet.

1. Burial – the contents can be buried on the same lot which the toilet is located in a location permitted by the Agency that complies with § 1-929(c)(1) of the Rules. For more information, go to <https://dec.vermont.gov/water/ww-systems>.
2. Landfill – the contents can be disposed at a landfill or transfer station (destined for a landfill) without the need for a Solid Waste certification.
3. Wastewater Treatment Facility – the contents can be and disposed of at a wastewater treatment facility, provided the facility accepts the compost, without the need for a Solid Waste certification.

