

Fact Sheet: Permanent Compost Reimbursement Program (CRP) Fiscal Year 2025

Program Funding	\$400,000 (from July 1, 2024, through May 1, 2025)
Eligible Operations	* Farming Operations (Hawaii Revised Statutes 165-2): "Farming operation" means a commercial agricultural, silvicultural, or aquacultural facility or pursuit conducted, in whole or in part, including the care and production of livestock and livestock products, poultry and poultry products, apiary products, and plant and animal production for nonfood uses; the planting, cultivating, harvesting, and processing of crops; and the farming or ranching of any plant or animal species in a controlled salt, brackish, or freshwater environment.
	* Landscaping Operations (Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 444): C-27 Landscaping contractor: To prepare plots of land for architectural horticulture and to provide tree trimming decorative treatment and arrangement of gardens, lawns, scrubs, vines, bushes, trees and other decorative vegetation, construct conservatories, hot and green houses, drainage and sprinkler systems all types of rock scaping and ornamental pools, fountains, ornamental walls, fences, and walks: and placement of hydro mulching for ground cover and for containment of soil. This also includes the installation of irrigation control or decorative lamp electrical wiring associated with the above that will carry 24 volts of less.
State Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tax Returns (two-years) including: Schedule F, and/or Schedule C. * W-9 form. * HI Compliance Express (HCE): Certificate of Compliance. Required for reimbursement check amount greater than or equal to \$2,500. Hawai'i Compliance Express, https://vendors.ehawaii.gov/hce/ * C-27 Landscaping Contractor License (Landscaping only) * Narrative of Farming or Landscaping Operations. * Compost Invoices from a Permitted Hawaii Compost processor(s) or distributor(s). * Accompanying documents as required.
Reimbursement Limit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reimbursement amounts will be aggregated, divided, and distributed on a first-come, first serve basis. Transportation costs are eligible for reimbursement. * Amount of reimbursement will not exceed \$50,000 per qualified purchaser per fiscal year and will be processed as funds remain available. * Funds disbursed on an annual basis. * Any funds not disbursed will be rolled over to the following year.
Program Processor or Reseller Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Compost must be purchased from a Hawaii Permitted Compost processor, dealer, retailer, or wholesaler licensed to do business in the State. Compost (per Act 302, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 302) means the product of a composting process, including the receipt of materials, primary processing, decomposing activities, and final processing for sale and marketing, in which organic materials are biologically decomposed under controlled conditions to produce stable soil amendments. Organic materials (per Act 302) include pre- and post-consumer food waste from animal food processing operations and/or similar materials. * Hawaii Permitted Compost processor or distributor are those companies regulated under the Department of Health Solid Waste Management Program. * Mulch is not included in this program.
Compost Reimbursement Rate	* Compost reimbursements are available for 50% of the qualified compost purchase cost and shipping. Invoices must show the "compost only" cost breakdown for purchases from a Hawaii Permitted Compost processor or distributor.
Documentation	* Compost Invoice(s) are eligible from: July 1, 2024, through May 1, 2025, from a Department of Health Solid Waste Management Program, Permitted Compost processor or distributor.
Due Date: May 1, 2025 *Form A: (Application) *Form B: (Summary) *Compost Invoice(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Form A: Application * Form B: Compost Cost Summary * Compost Invoice(s)
Contact: Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA)	Plant Industry Division https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/compost-reimbursement2025/ (808) 973-9458

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