

**Permanent Compost Reimbursement Program Fact Sheet**

<b>Program Funding</b>	\$400,000 (Fiscal Year 2025)
<b>Eligible Operations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farming Operations (per Hawai‘i Revised Statutes 165-2) 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.</li> <li>• Landscaping Operations must be licensed by the State of Hawai‘i under Chapter 444.</li> </ul>
<b>State Requirement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W-9 form</li> <li>• Invoice(s) and accompanying documentations</li> <li>• Proof of compliance – Hawai‘i Compliance Express (for each issued reimbursement check amount greater than or equal to \$2,500) (<a href="https://vendors.ehawaii.gov/hce/">https://vendors.ehawaii.gov/hce/</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Reimbursement Limit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursement amounts will be aggregated, divided, and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Transportation costs are eligible for reimbursement.</li> <li>• Amount of reimbursement will not exceed \$50,000 per qualified purchaser per fiscal year</li> <li>• Funds will be disbursed on an annual basis.</li> <li>• Any funds not disbursed will be rolled over to the following year.</li> </ul>
<b>Program Processor or Reseller Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compost must be purchased from a certified 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, decomposition activities, and final processing for sale and marketing, in which organic materials are biologically decomposed under controlled conditions to produce a stable, humus-like mulch or soil amendment. Organic materials (per Act 302) include pre- and post-consumer food waste, waste from animal food processing operations, green waste, crop residues, and waste from vegetable food processing operations and similar materials.</li> <li>• Certified Hawai‘i processors will be limited to those companies regulated under the Department of Health Solid Waste Management Program.</li> <li>• Mulch is not included in this program</li> </ul>
<b>Reimbursement Rate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount of reimbursement will be up to 50% of cost of compost incurred for the purchase of the compost, including transportation costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation of costs from July 1, 2024, through May 1, 2025, for compost purchased from certified Department of Health compost processors or distributors.</li> </ul>
<b>Forms (A and B) Due Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for submission of invoices: May 1, 2025, for FY2025</li> </ul>
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