

# Food Composting Facilities Across the United States

Composting is a new method of recovery for compostable plastics like NatureWorks® polymer (PLA – polylactic acid). NatureWorks polymer is currently used to produce everyday packaging and plastic consumer items. Derived from a 100% annually renewable resource found in natural plant sugars, NatureWorks polymer offers a more sustainable solution as a material choice.

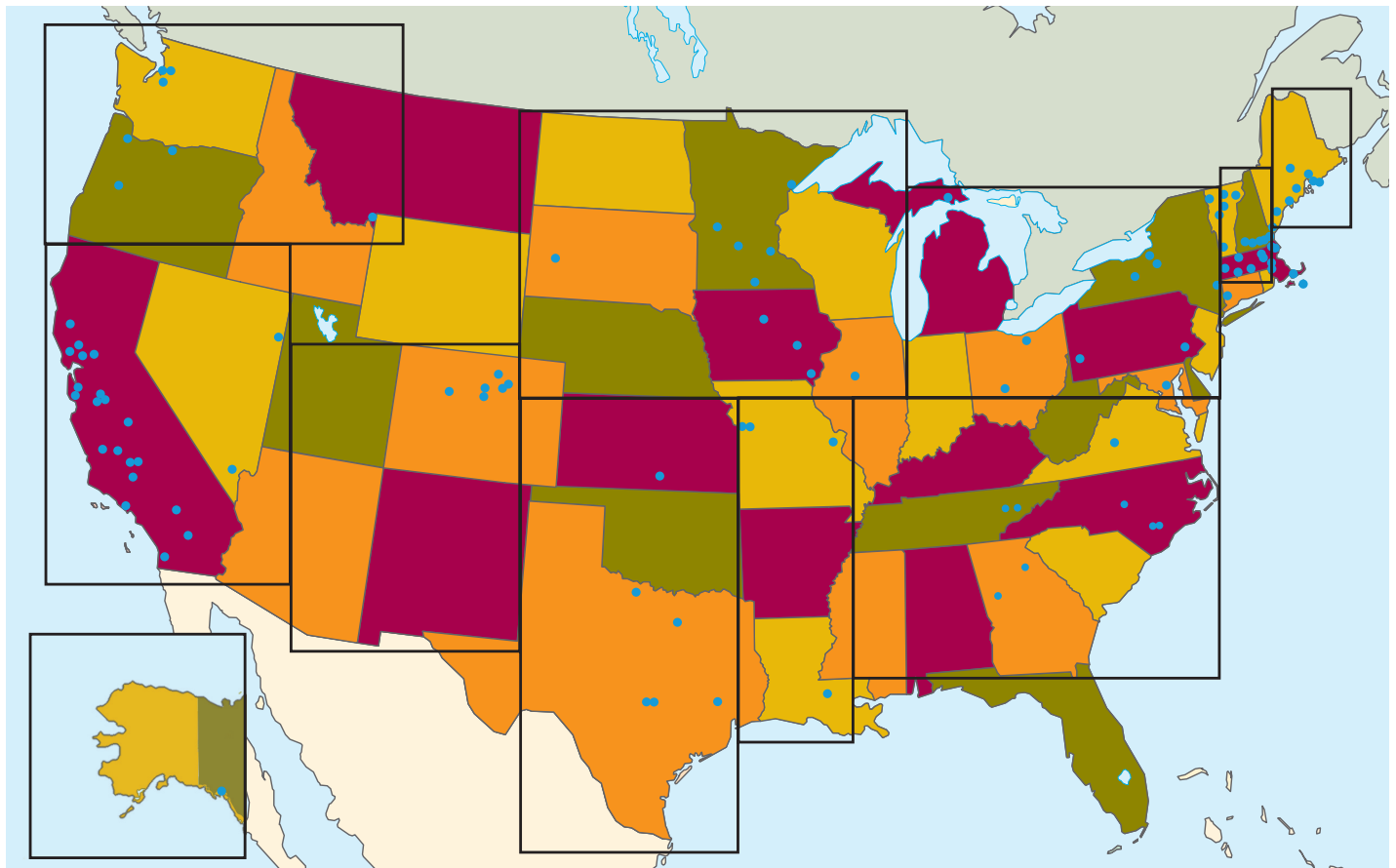
Global regulatory guidelines and standards for composting of plastics revolve around four basic criteria: material characteristics, biodegradation, disintegration and ecotoxicity (compost quality). In the United States, all required testing data for NatureWorks polymer has been independently reviewed by the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) for certification according to ASTM 6400-99.

NatureWorks polymer is listed on the BPI positive list for

compostable materials. End products made with 100% NatureWorks polymer will compost in municipal/industrial facilities according to ISO, ASTM, and EN regulations.

On the following pages is a select list of industrial or municipal food composting facilities in the United States. All of these sites have been independently verified to have the infrastructure and willingness to process compostable plastics with post consumer food waste. NatureWorks polymer has been successfully composted at some of these facilities. Contact your local facility operator to set up a program to collect and compost your PLA stream.

**For more information about NatureWorks polymer and its disposal options or other technical assistance, please visit our Website at [www.natureworkslc.com](http://www.natureworkslc.com), or call (877) 423-7659.**



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# California and Nevada



## CALIFORNIA

**Agromin Organics Recycling (1)**  
805-650-1616  
Ventura, CA

**California Biomass (2)**  
909-875-6441  
Thermal, CA

**California Biomass (3)**  
909-875-6445  
Victorville, CA

**City of Bakersfield (4)**  
661-326-3109  
Bakersfield, CA

**City of Modesto (5)**  
209-577-5494  
Modesto, CA

**Cold Creek Composting Facility (6)**  
707-485-5966  
Redwood Valley, CA

**Community Recycling & Resource Recovery (7)**  
661-845-4056  
Lamont, CA

**Gilton Resource Center (8)**  
209-527-3781  
Modesto, CA

**Grover Landscaping (9)**  
209-545-4401  
Modesto, CA

**Jepson Prairie Compost Facility (10)**  
707-693-2109  
Vacaville, CA

**Kochergan Farms (11)**  
559-277-8068  
Fresno, CA

**Miramar Greenery (12)**  
858-573-1284  
San Diego, CA

**Napa Garbage Service Material Diversion Facility (13)**  
707-255-5200  
Napa, CA

**Newby Island Compost Facility (14)**  
408-945-2801  
Milpitas, CA

**Pacheco Pass Landfill (15)**  
707-693-2109  
Vacaville, CA

**San Joaquin Composting (16)**  
661-391-5848  
Bakersfield, CA

**Santa Cruz County Food Material Compost Project (17)**  
831-454-2160  
Santa Cruz, CA

**Sonoma Compost Company (18)**  
707-664-9113  
Petaluma, CA

**Tulare County Compost (19)**  
559-686-1622  
Tulare, CA

**Z-Best Composting (20)**  
408-846-1573  
San Jose, CA

## NEVADA

**A-1 Organics, Nevada (21)**  
702-853-9530  
Las Vegas, NV

**West Wendover (22)**  
775-664-2593  
West Wendover, NV



# Alaska, Montana, Oregon and Washington

## ALASKA

### Gustavus Landfill (1)

907-697-2118

Gustavus, AK

## MONTANA

### West Yellowstone MSW (2)

406-646-9301

West Yellowstone, MT

## OREGON

### Columbia Ridge Landfill and Recycling Center Composting Facility (3)

541-454-3307

Arlington, OR

### Nature's Needs, A Division of East County Recycling (4)

503-253-0867

Portland, OR

### Rexius Forest By Products (5)

541-342-1835

Eugene, OR

## WASHINGTON

### Cedar Grove Composting - Everett (6)

425-432-2395

Seattle, WA

### Cedar Grove Composting - Maple Valley (7)

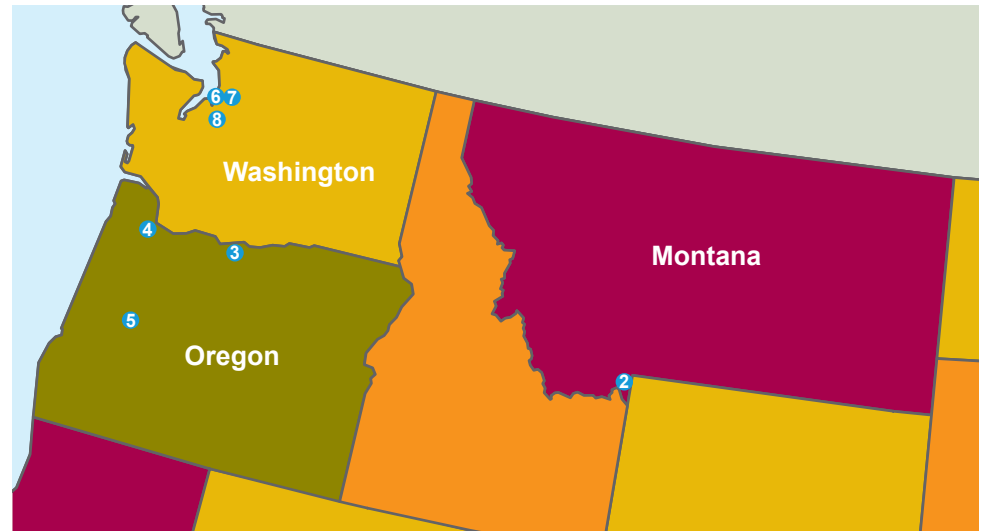
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Seattle, WA

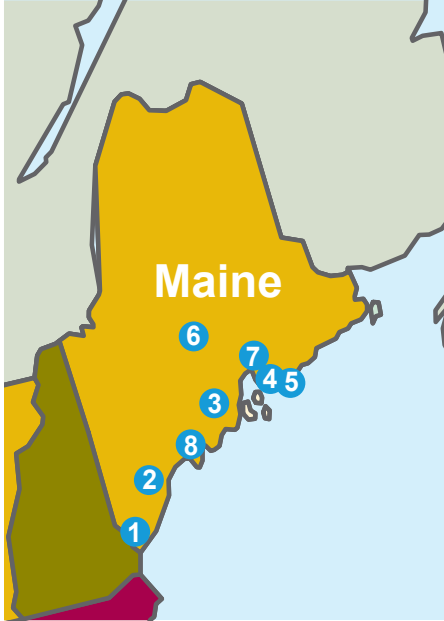
### The Compost Factory (8)

253-875-2104

Puyallup, WA



# Maine



## MAINE

### **Bartlett Farm Services (1)**

207-439-3083  
Eliot, ME

### **Beltie Inc. (Winter Wood Farm) (2)**

207-499-7886  
Lyman, ME

### **Benson Farm Earth Products (3)**

207-892-6446  
Gorham, ME

### **Doug Gott & Sons (4)**

207-244-7461  
Southwest Harbor, ME

### **EMR Inc. (5)**

207-244-4347  
Southwest Harbor, ME

### **Hawk Ridge (6)**

800-933-6474  
Unity, ME

### **King Hill Farm (7)**

207-326-9701  
Penobscot, ME

### **Maine's Best Compost Paul Prosser (8)**

207-725-5753  
Harpwell, ME

# Kansas and Texas

## KANSAS

### Industrial Pallet and Lumber Reclamation (1)

316-838-7211  
Wichita, KS

## TEXAS

### City of Plano Solid Waste (2)

972-769-4199  
Plano, TX

### City of Wichita Falls (3)

940-761-7977  
Wichita Falls, TX

### J-V Dirt (4)

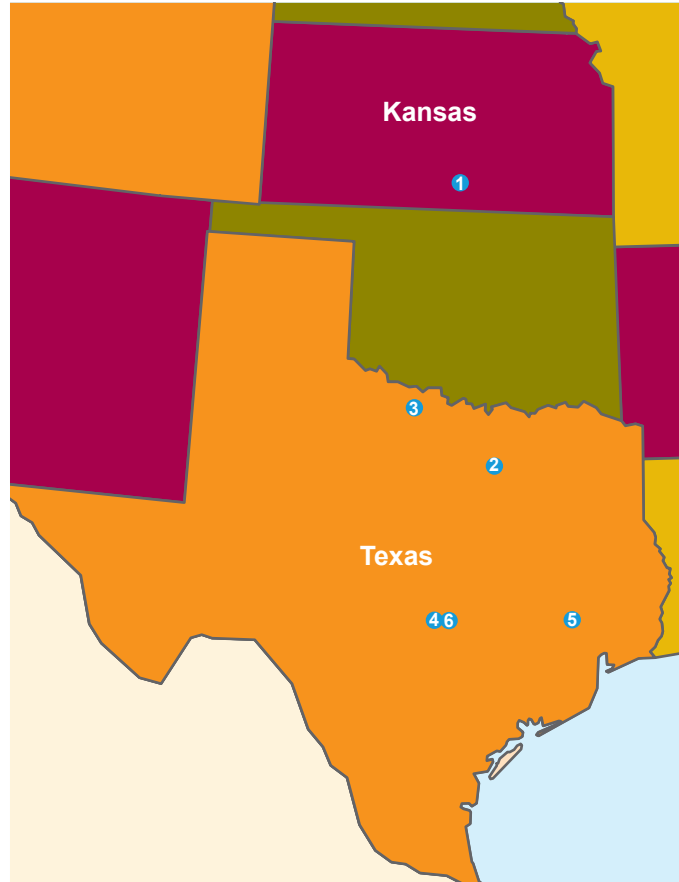
512-927-1977  
Austin, TX

### Nature's Way Resources (5)

936-273-1200  
Conroe, TX

### Texas Organics Products (6)

210-483-1931  
Austin, TX



# Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota

## ILLINOIS

**LHF Compost (1)**  
309-697-0963  
Peoria, IL

## IOWA

**Chamness Technology (2)**  
515-325-6133  
Blairsburg, IA

**D&D Worm Ranch Vermicomposting (3)**  
319-857-4478  
Swisher, IA

**Lee County/Great River Regional Waste Authority (4)**  
319-372-6140  
Fort Madison, IA

## MINNESOTA

**Creekside Organic Material Processing Center (5)**  
320-587-5151 x201  
Hutchinson, MN

**Praireland (6)**  
**507-776-3232**  
Truman, MN

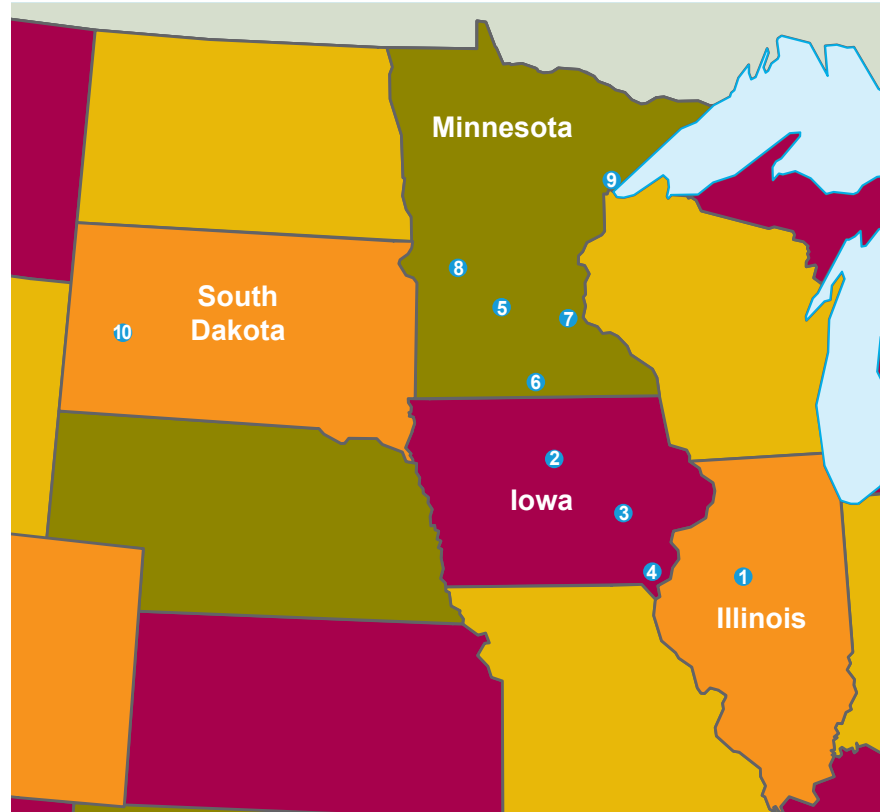
**SKB Environmental (7)**  
952-946-6999  
Bloomington, MN

**Swift County (8)**  
320-843-2356  
Benson, MN

**Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (8)**  
218-722-3336 x206  
Duluth, MN

## SOUTH DAKOTA

**Maine's Best Compost Paul Prosser (8)**  
207-725-5753  
Harpwell, SD



# Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania



## CONNECTICUT

**New Milford Farms (Garick) (1)**  
860-210-0250  
New Milford, CT

## MARYLAND

**Chesterfield Farms, LLC (2)**  
410-721-7206  
Crownsville, MD

## MICHIGAN

**Mackinac Island Facility (3)**  
906-847-6130  
Mackinac, MI

## NEW YORK

**Cayuga Composting (P&S Excavating) (4)**  
607-387-6826  
Trumansburg, NY

**Guptill Farms/Toad Hollow Farms (5)**

315-469-4596  
Nedrow, NY

**McEnroe Organic Farm (6)**

518-789-3252  
Millerton, NY

**Oswego County DSW (7)**

315-591-9200  
Fulton, NY

## OHIO

**Barnes Nursery (8)**

419-433-5525, 800-421-8722  
Huron, OH

**PayGro (9)**

937-462-8350  
South Charleston, OH

## PENNSYLVANIA

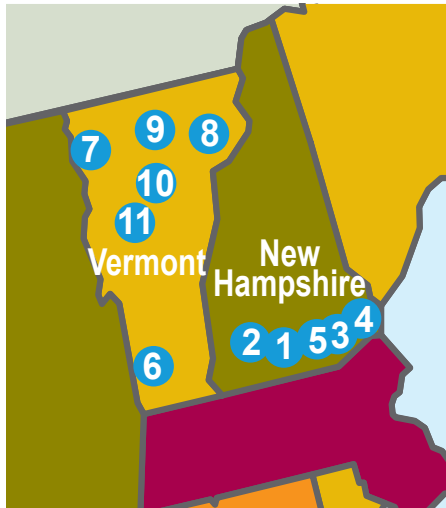
**AgRecycle (10)**

412-767-7645  
Cheswick, PA

**Two Particular Acres (11)**

610-454-9635  
Royersford, PA

# New Hampshire and Vermont



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Ideal Compost (1)

603-924-5050  
Peterborough, NH

### Keene Transfer Station (2)

603 352-5739 x2  
Keene, NH

### PK's Nursery & Nature's Soil (3)

603-598-6815  
Nashua, NH

### Sea Coast Farms Compost (4)

603-772-6490  
Exeter, NH

### Town of Peterborough (5)

603-924-8095  
Peterborough, NH

## VERMONT

### Fierce Bad Rabbit Farm (6)

802-375-9305  
Arlington, VT

### Intervale Compost Products Foundation (7)

802-660-4949  
Burlington, VT

### Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (8)

802-734-4602  
Lyndonville, VT

### The Highfields Institute (9)

802-472-5138  
Craftsbury, VT

### Vermont Compost Company (10)

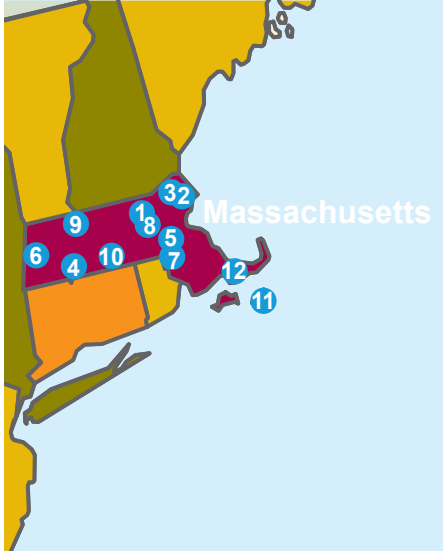
802-223-6049  
Montpelier, VT

### Vermont Natural Ag. Products, Inc. (11)

802-388-1137  
Middlebury, VT



# Massachusetts



## MASSACHUSETTS

**Agracomp (1)**  
978-779-5434  
Bolton, MA

**Agresource (2)**  
978-388-5110  
Ipswich, MA

**Brick Ends Farm (3)**  
978-468-2733  
Hamilton, MA

**Cover Technologies (4)**  
413-734-3688  
Springfield, MA

**Groundscapes Express (5)**  
508-384-7140  
Wrentham, MA

**Holiday Farms (6)**  
413-684-0444  
Dalton, MA

**Lorusso Compost Site (7)**  
508-695-3252  
Plainville, MA

**Marlborough Cocomposting Facility (8)**  
508-480-9922  
Marlborough, MA

**Martins Farm (9)**  
413-774-5631  
Greenfield, MA

**Scantic Farm (10)**  
413-566-3210  
Hampden, MA

**Waste Options (11)**  
508-228-4283  
Nantucket, MA

**Watts Family Farm (12)**  
508-477-7206  
Sandwich, MA



# Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia

## GEORGIA

### Back to the Garden (Creative Earth) (1)

706-215-8733  
Athens, GA

### ERTH Products (2)

770-487-6677  
Peachtree City, GA

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Brooks Contractor (3)

919-837-5914  
Goldston, NC

### McGill Environmental (4)

919-362-1161  
Harrells, NC

### McGill Environmental Systems (5)

919-362-1161  
Harrells, NC

## TENNESSEE

### Natural Resources Recovery (6)

865-927-7646  
Knoxville, TN

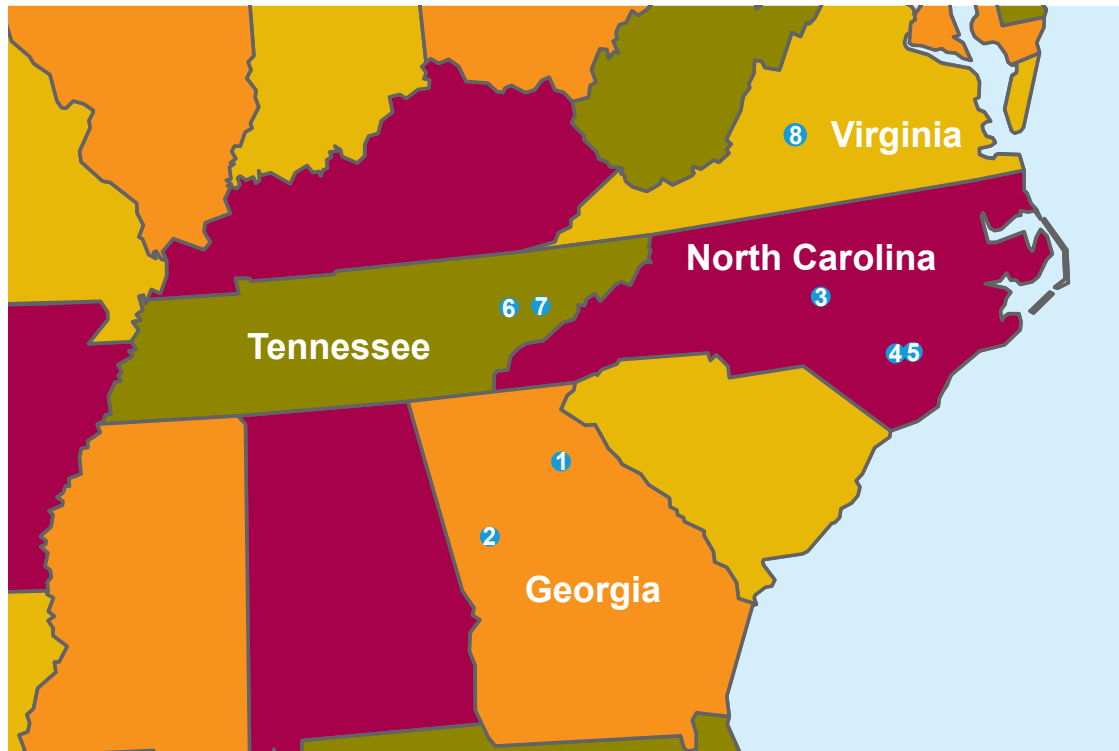
### Sevier Solid Waste Inc. (7)

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Sevierville, TN

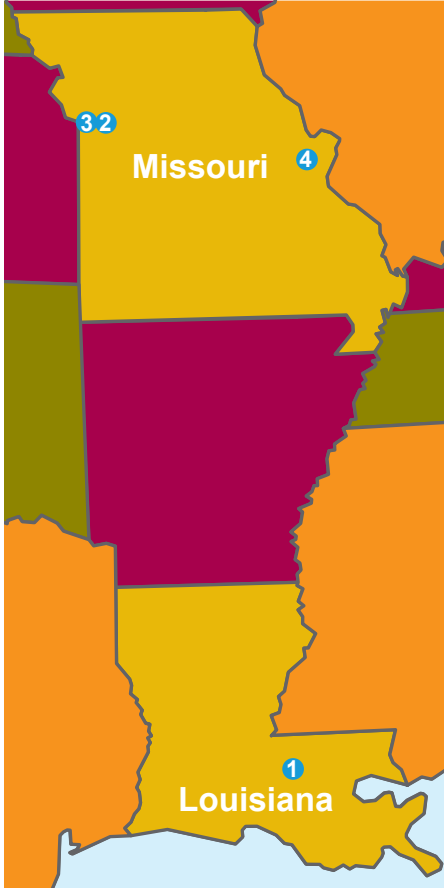
## VIRGINIA

### Royal Oak Farm (8)

540-297-3299  
Evington, VA



# Louisiana and Missouri



## LOUISIANA

### Natural Resources Recovery (1)

225-766-1443  
Baton Rouge, LA

## MISSOURI

### Halphin Enterprises/Windswept Worm Farm (2)

816-224-2956  
Blue Springs, MO

### Missouri Organics (3)

816-483-0908  
Kansas City, MO

### Route 66 Landscape Supply Center (4)

636-271-3352  
Pacific, MO



# Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico

## ARIZONA

### Pinetop/Lakeside Sanitary District (1)

928-368-5370

Lakeside, AZ

## COLORADO

### A-1 Organics, Platteville (2)

303-454-3492

Platteville, CO

### A-1 Organics, Golden (3)

303-454-3492

Golden, CO

### A-1 Organics, Keenesburg (4)

303-454-3492

Keenesburg, CO

### Cacaloco Compost (5)

970-963-8381

Glenwood Springs, CO

### Nature's Cycle Organics (6)

970-302-9027

Hudson, CO

### Western Disposal (7)

303-786-7983

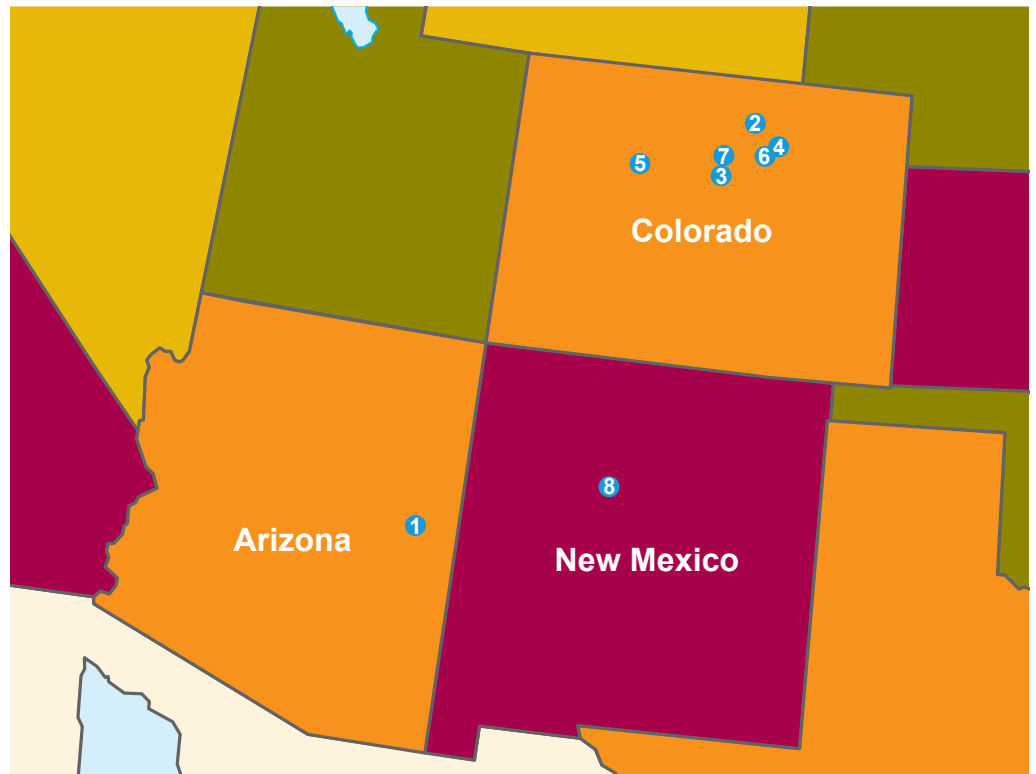
Boulder, CO

## NEW MEXICO

### Soilutions, Inc. (8)

505-877-0220

Tijeras, NM



# Summary of Definitions

Term	Definition	Reference
Aerobic Degradation	Degradation in the presence of air (oxygen).	ASTM D5338-92
Anaerobic Degradation	Degradation in the absence of oxygen as in the case of landfills.	ASTM D5210-91
Biodegradable	A degradable polymer in which the degradation results from the action of naturally occurring microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi and algae.	ASTM D6400-99
Biodegradation	The transformation and deterioration of polymers solely by living organisms (including the microorganisms and/or enzymes excreted by them).	A-C Albertson
Bioerosion	Conversion of an initially water-insoluble material to a soluble one without necessarily involving major chemical degradation.	Heller
Compostable Plastic	A plastic that undergoes degradation by biological processing during composting to yield carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ), water, inorganic compounds and biomass at a rate consistent with other compostable materials and leaves no visible, distinguishable or toxic residue.	ASTM D6400-99
Degradable Plastic	A plastic designed to undergo degradation under specified conditions as measured by standard test methods.	ASTM
Degradable Polymers	Materials that undergo changes as a result of chemical, physical and biological interactions between active living environment and the material.	Royal Society of Chemistry
Oxidative	A degradable polymer in which the degradation results from oxidation.	ASTM
Photo-biodegradation	Degradation triggered by UV light and assisted by the presence of UV sensitizers.	
Photodegradable	A degradable polymer in which the degradation results from the action of natural daylight.	ASTM
Photodegradation	Degradation of the chemical bond or link in the polymer or chemical structure of a plastic via ultraviolet radiation.	

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