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P.L. 2020, c.24 – An Act concerning food waste recycling and food waste-to- energy production

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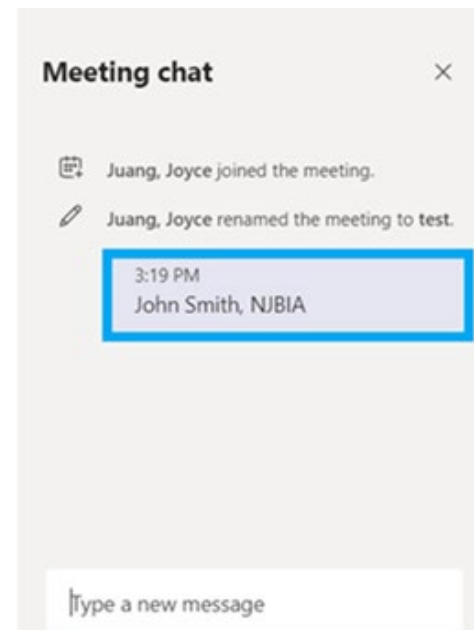
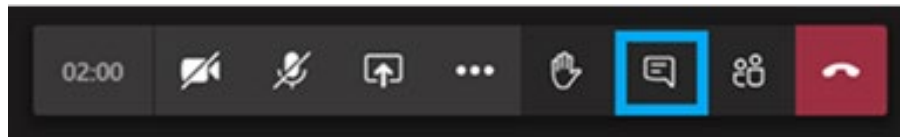
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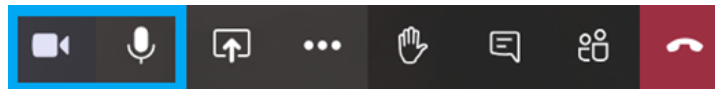
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Goals of the Meeting

- Solicit Input
- Encourage compliance with the new law



Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Introductions
- Overview of the Law
- Food Waste
 - What are your current methods of measuring food waste?
 - Food Waste Recycling Methods
 - Recordkeeping and Reporting
 - Current and potential challenges
 - Waiver process
 - Discussion/Comments
 - Closing remarks

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Food Waste Hierarchy



Overview of the Law

1. Signed into law April 2020
 - Compliance required by October 14, 2021
2. Requires large food waste generators, who produce 52 or more tons of food waste per year, and are located within 25 road miles of an authorized food waste recycling facility, to source separate and recycle their food waste
3. Adopt rules and regulations
4. Food Waste Recycling Market Development Council



Food Waste:

- Food processing vegetative waste,
- food processing residue generated from processing and packaging operations,
- overripe produce,
- trimmings from food,
- food product over-runs from food processing,
- soiled and unrecyclable paper generated from food processing, and
- used cooking fats, oil, and grease

Large Food Waste Generator:

- Commercial food wholesaler
- Distributor
- Industrial food processor
- Supermarket
- Resort
- Conference center
- Banquet hall
- Restaurant
- Educational or religious institution
- Military installation
- Prison
- Hospital
- Medical facility
- Casino



Generator Responsibilities

1. Measure food waste
 - <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste-recycling-law/measure-food-waste.html>
2. Locate nearest authorized food waste recycling facility
3. Reduce your food waste!!
 - <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste/>
4. Reach out to haulers



What are your current practices?

Discussion

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Thank you.



Authorized Methods of Recycling

(*You must receive authorization in writing!)

- **Authorized Food Waste Recycling Facility**
 - Approved Class C Recycling Center
 - **Under the exemption:**
 - In-vessel composting, outdoor composting at farms
- **Under Research Development & Demonstration (RD&D) approval:**
 - Outdoor Composting using a biofilter as cover, Bokashi (a fermentation process) with in-vessel composting

Alternative Authorized Food Waste Recycling Method

- (1) recycling food waste at the site at which it is generated as authorized by the NJDEP;
- (2) treating food waste at the site at which it is generated pursuant to a permit issued by the NJDEP;
- (3) send food waste offsite for use for agricultural purposes, including as animal feed;
- (4) send food waste offsite for treatment with sewage sludge in an anaerobic digester for renewable natural gas or biogas recovery as authorized by the NJDEP; or
- (5) any other method of recycling or reuse of food waste, as authorized by the NJDEP.

What other food waste recycling methods should be considered that are not otherwise included in the Law?

Discussion

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What records does your establishment maintain regarding food waste?

Discussion

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What are challenges/obstacles of reducing and recycling food waste?

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What are your thoughts on the waiver process? What type of relevant documentation and information should be supplied?

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- Following proposals of the rule changes, formal comments on the rules can be made by anyone during the announced comment period.
- Visit <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/food-waste-recycling-law/>
- Contact us at reducefoodwaste@dep.nj.gov or call the Bureau of Planning and Licensing (609) 984-4250

Thank you!

