

# ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULES FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, NON-RESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL USERS OF STROUD TOWNSHIP'S LEAF AND YARD WASTE COMPOST FACILITY

As an Act 101 mandated municipality Stroud Township ("Township") operates a leaf and yard waste composting facility/drop-off site located at 134 Gaunt Road off of Route 611. The Compost facility and drop-off site provide Township residents, residents of surrounding municipalities and commercial landscapers/contractors the ability to deliver leaf and yard waste and acquire valuable products (compost and mulch) resulting from the processing of the leaf and yard waste.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") has recommended that the Township establish a means to ensure the future financial sustainability/viability of its compost facility, including the maintenance and replacement of equipment used at this facility to process leaf and yard waste.

In consideration of the costs associated with the operation of the compost facility, the Department's recommendation, the increasing competitive nature and uncertainty of future ACT 101 grant funding, the Township Board of Supervisors have established reasonable fees for continued use of the drop-off site and for products generated from the processing of leaf and yard waste at the compost facility. NOTE: Stroud Township residents will continue to enjoy the ability to drop-off leaf and yard waste and to self-load products (compost and mulch) free of charge as set forth herein. A nominal fee (loading fee) will be charged for quantities of products loaded by Township personnel (as specified in the Fee Schedule). PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED.

#### **Commercial Fee Structure**

The Township Board of Supervisors has established an annual fee for commercial users for disposition of permitted leaf and yard waste at the Township's compost facility.

Commercial users have the option to pay: 1) a per-load fee according to the following Drop-Off Fee Schedule, or 2) an annual base fee of \$300.00, which includes up to 15 loads dropped (or number of loads equivalent to 15), plus the applicable per-load fee according to the following Drop-Off Fee Schedule, which the township will invoice contractor monthly.

For more information inquire at the Municipal Building or call (570) 421-3362.

### **Fees**

#### **Drop-Off**

**Stroud Township residents** will continue to be able to use the drop-off site free of charge as set forth herein. **Proof of residency is required.** Commercial entities that have not paid an annual base fee of \$300 will be charged (per applicable delivery) as specified in the Drop-Off Fee Schedule below.

Monroe County residents who are not residents of Stroud Township will pay the per-load Drop-off fee set forth below and will be charged as specified in the Products/Materials Loading Fee Schedule below. Proof of Monroe County residency is required.

Stroud Township does not accept leaf and yard waste and tree debris from outside of Monroe County, nor any such material that originated outside of Monroe County. Stroud Township reserves the right to limit the quantity of material, and type of material, delivered to or dropped off at leaf and yard waste composting facility.

Prices are subject to annual review and modification. Leaf and yard waste delivery vehicles not consistent with the following listed vehicle types tipping fee will be determined by the on-site operator, based on comparative vehicle size/capacity. All fees are determined by the load capacity of the vehicle not by the volume of the load at the time of delivery. **Only** acceptable materials, **(leaves, grass clippings, brush and tree trimmings)** are to be delivered. These materials should be delivered source separated, to the extent possible. No plastic bags, metal, or municipal waste or rubbish of any kind will be accepted!

#### **DROP-OFF FEE SCHEDULE**

TYPE OF VEHICLE	FEE
CAR OR VAN LOAD	\$ 10.00
PICK-UP TRUCK	\$ 20.00
ONE TON DUMP TRUCK	\$ 30.00
SINGLE-AXLE DUMP TRUCK	\$ 55.00
TANDEM-AXLE DUMP TRUCK	\$ 80.00
TRI-AXLE DUMP TRUCK	\$100.00
SINGLE-AXLE UTILITY TRAILER	\$ 30.00
TANDEM-AXLE UTILITY TRAILER	\$ 55.00
HEAVY DUTY DUMP TRAILER	\$ 80.00
FIFTH WHEEL Dump TRAILER	\$ 80.00
CHIPPER/FORESTRY TRUCK- WOOD CHIPS	\$ 30.00
CHIPPER/FORESTRY TRUCK- BRUSH & LIMBS	\$ 30.00

# **Products/Materials Loading Fee**

Stroud Township residents will continue to be able to **self-load** limited quantities of compost and mulch free of charge. **Monroe County residents** who are not residents of Stroud Township are able to **self-load** limited quantities of compost and mulch free of charge. **Proof of residency is required.** 

All products loaded by Township personnel (for <u>all</u> residential and commercial users) will be charged as specified in the Products/Materials Loading Fee Schedule below. Residential and commercial users are not permitted to load products/ materials by any equipment or tools other than manually by a shovel or up to 5-gallon bucket. No power or manual equipment or tools shall be used to cut, split or process any material at the township's Yard Waste and Compost Facility.

## PRODUCTS/MATERIALS LOADING FEE SCHEDULE

PRODUCTS/MATERIALS	FEE
MULCH	
MINIMUM LOADING FEE ( 3 yards or less )	\$15.00
EACH ADDITIONAL 3 YARDS	\$15.00
COMPOST	
MINIMUM LOADING FEE ( 3 yards or less )	\$25.00
EACH ADDITIONAL 3 YARDS	\$25.00

## **Yard Waste Site Rules & Regulations**

- Acceptable leaf and yard waste includes only leaves, grass clippings, brush and tree trimmings to a maximum length of thirty (30") inches and a maximum diameter of eighteen (18") inches, natural Christmas trees and wood chips. Residents and contractors are not permitted to unload tree trimmings larger than specified above and may be fined, or may not be permitted to use the compost facility, or both, if dimension violation occurs.
- 2. All leaf and yard waste shall be deposited in the **designated areas**.
- 3. The following items are **specifically prohibited** from being deposited at the drop-off site:

Tree Stumps

Construction/demolition waste of any nature, including lumber, stone, brick, asphalt or concrete

Metal, plastic bags and paper waste

Garden produce such as tomatoes, apples, pumpkins, etc.

Garbage or refuse or litter of any variety

Any material not listed herein deemed prohibited in the sole discretion of yard attendant

### 4. Hours of operation:

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning February 7, 2024 to November 27, 2024. Open Saturdays, beginning Saturday, April 6, 2024 to November 23, 2024, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closed: Sundays and Holidays

Stroud Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to close access to the composting facility at any time for the purpose of operating the equipment upon the site, the inspection and maintenance of the equipment at the site or for any reason it deems necessary.

- 5. Frequent residential and commercial users may establish a township account whereby outstanding balances shall be paid in full within 30 days of Township billing. Residential and commercial users with township accounts who fail to remit payment of billed fees within 30 days of the date of Township invoice shall subject such residential and commercial users to a late fee charge of \$35 for each month in arrears and discontinued use of the township yard waste and compost facility until outstanding balance(s) and late fees are paid in full. Legal fees and collection costs will be charged to residential and commercial users whose accounts are 60 days past due.
- 6. The following circumstances shall constitute a violation of these Rules and Regulations.
  - The disposition of any unacceptable material at the drop-off site
  - The disposition of any material at the entry to, or along, Gaunt Road, or not within the yard waste processing area.
  - The disposition of any material at the drop-off site at any time other than the designated hours of operation.
  - All loads of materials/product must be taped prior to exiting the compost facility.
  - Smoking and other hazardous activities are not allowed at the Composting Facility.
- 7. Violation of any of the Rules and Regulations, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding, is subject to a fine not less than \$300.00, but not more than \$1,000.00 in addition to applicable costs for each rule or regulation violated, for each time violation occurs.

**Notice**: Persons using the Compost Facility do so at their own risk. Any person using the Compost Facility who causes damage or injury to persons or property shall be liable for said damage and/or injury.

Mulch/Compost Disclaimer: Mulch/Compost is a natural material that has been stored and processed outside. The processing of said materials has been managed to improve decomposition, reduce weeds, diseases and insects. However, mulch/compost may still contain allergens, weeds, insects or foreign matter. Sensitive users should wear proper clothing and protection when handling the mulch/compost. Stroud Township makes no guarantee concerning the quality of the mulch/compost, and assumes no liability for injury or property damage as a result of the use or delivery of the mulch/compost. Residential and commercial users who obtain mulch/compost from Stroud Township do so at their own risk.