Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence (FORCE)

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Florida & Yard Waste (Historical Overview)

• 1988 Yard Waste Landfill Ban
  • Started As Mulching State
  • FORA – FL Organics Recycling Association
• RFT – Organics Committee, DOT Outreach, ELS Events
• Institutional & Support
  • FL DEP – Active Permitting Staff
  • University Research, UF IFAS & Others
Florida & Yard Waste (Historical Overview, Continued)

- 2001 - FORCE Established
- 2008 - 75% Recycling Goal
- 2010 - Yard Waste Landfill Ban Repealed
- 2010 - 62-709 FDEP Rule Change
- 2012 - Recycling Credits Include Renewable Energy
- 2019 - 62-709 FDEP Rule Development Initiated
- 2020 - Here we are today.
Florida & FORCE

- FORCE
- DACS, DOT, and UF IFAS Outreach
- Research and Demonstration Projects
- Marketing Workshops
- Educational Material
- Seven State Report
  - Formal Organics Committee
  - Regulatory Reform, FDEP Chapter 62-709 – 2010 revisions
- Statewide Operator Training Course in Three Parts of FL

Yard Waste

- 1996: 52%
- 1997: 54%
- 1998: 46%
- 1999: 30%
- 2000: 35%
- 2001: 56%
- 2002: 57%
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- 2015: 69%
- 2016: 69%
- 2017: 69%
- 2018: 69%
Florida’s Recycling Goals
403.706, Florida Statute
Results

• FDEP DEC 2019 Status Report Volume 1
  • 49% statewide overall recycling rate
  • Report Recommendations
    • Organics Recycling –
      • DEP Food Recovery Group
      • FORCE Website
      • SWIX Food Recovery & Donation Workshop
      • DEP revising Chapter 62-709 to add and change definitions and clarify certain language to assist the organics processing facilities mulching and composting in FL.
FORCE Website

It serves as a clearinghouse of organics recycling information since 2001 for the FDEP. Use the words “FloridaForce” in your web browser to find it. We will review the items in bold below now.

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