



MISSOURI YARD WASTE LANDFILL BAN

Whereas, the state of Missouri has banned the disposal of yard waste from landfills since 1992;

Whereas, composted yard waste is a valuable resource as a soil amendment; its use conserves resources, saves landfill space, and reduces green house gases and pollution;

Whereas, the yard waste ban supports a growing composting industry in Missouri with new jobs and tax revenues;

Whereas, allowing yard waste back into landfills will create more methane gas and other greenhouse gases and pollutants, threaten existing Missouri jobs, eliminate additional economic opportunities, and waste valuable resources;

Whereas, recent legislative proposals suggest a change in current public policy to allow landfill disposal of yard waste in order to increase the flow of methane gas to landfill gas recovery systems for use as an alternative fuel; however, these systems only capture a portion of the gas generated and methane can be lost to the atmosphere before, during and after peak collection and through underground migration creating a public safety hazard.

Whereas, methane gas, generated by the anaerobic decomposition of organic matter, is a highly potent and dangerous greenhouse gas, as much as five times more damaging than carbon dioxide.

Whereas, the best management alternative is to keep the ban on yard waste in place to protect Missouri's citizens and the environment from significant negative impacts and to preserve the positive economic benefits of managing yard waste as a resource.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) strongly opposes the repeal of the ban on yard waste in landfills.

Missouri Recycling Association	
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