Cannabis Waste Management Guidance

Prior to granting a permit to operate, The Health Department requires a cannabis operations (cultivator, nursery, dispensary, retailer, manufacturing, testing, transport or distribution operator) to identify all non-hazardous waste generated in the operations and how the waste will be managed onsite and where the waste will be disposed.

Cannabis Waste is a non-hazardous waste which can include green waste, food waste, pruning waste, and food soiled paper mixed with food waste. Handling and disposal of this waste must be in accordance with State and local requirements for waste management. Specifically, cannabis waste may be disposed as solid waste and transported accordingly. Cannabis waste may also be composted or prepared as feedstock for compost. **Cannabis waste is not hazardous waste.** Waste produced as a result of an extraction process must be shown to be non-hazardous through chemical analysis prior to solid waste disposal or composting.

Submit a Waste Management Plan (WMP) that details:

a. All types of non-hazardous waste generated- solid waste, recyclables (plastic, paper, bottles, etc.), green waste, food waste, landscape and pruning waste, etc.

b. Schematic that details location where cannabis waste will be stored and in what manner

c. If operations include composting or preparing cannabis waste for feedstock, please provide:
   a. Details of compost process
   b. Approximate yards/tons of feedstock will be onsite at any one time
   c. Location of compost area

**NOTE: Green material composting is excluded from obtaining a compost permit if feedstock onsite is less than 100 cubic yards and 750 square feet at any one time.**

d. Name of all permitted waste haulers providing services

e. Description of storage security for cannabis waste

f. If waste materials come into contact with chemicals and solvents, provide chemical analysis to determine non-hazardous classification