

LAND APPLICATION



UPDATING THE “350” RULE

Solid Waste Handling Standards, Chapter 173-350 of the Washington Administrative Code, is a regulation addressing waste management issues as diverse as used tires, surface impoundments, and incineration.

These rules govern how individuals, businesses and governments can manage solid waste, what materials can be recycled, when permits are required, and many other technical details.

Updating the rule allows Ecology to address emerging issues, look for ways to improve its effectiveness and get feedback from stakeholders.



Section 230 — Land application

This section applies to solid waste that is beneficially used on the land for its agronomic value, soil-amending capability, or land reclamation.

Only one substantive change is proposed for this section and it is the addition of a conditional exemption for “on-farm vegetative waste.”

This is a new term that describes plant-based wastes produced on-farm from the raising, growing, or processing of plants and animals. This change allows agronomic land application of any vegetative waste produced on a farm to be applied on that farm without a permit.

Examples of such materials may include mint slugs when the processing of mint to extract oil occurs at the farm growing mint, and grape pomace when the processing of grapes into wine occurs at the vineyard growing grapes.



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Public input

After releasing a draft version of the revised 350 rule, Ecology will hold informal workshops to educate interested persons about the proposed changes. Feedback during this informal process may result in changes to the draft rule.

In September 2016, Ecology plans to formally announce proposed revisions. This will begin a formal comment period, including hearings where stakeholders can comment on the changes and ask questions that will be answered in the official rulemaking documents. Ecology hopes to adopt changes to the rule in the spring of 2017.

350 rule update schedule (dates subject to change)

Now	Draft rule available
July 21	Informal workshop — Lacey
July 26	Informal workshop — Ellensburg
July 27	Informal workshop — Spokane
Sept. 6	Informal comments due
December	Proposed rule filed
January- March, 2017	Public hearings on proposed rule
Spring, 2017	Rule adopted

