



General Permit: Authorization to Transport Yard Waste with Jumping Worms

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Division of Ecological and Water Resources
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Who needs to follow this general permit

If you have organic material (yard waste) that is from a site with jumping worms (*Amynthas* and/or *Metaphire* species) and you are transporting the material to a composting site for disposal purposes you need to follow the conditions below.

How to use this general permit

You do not need to keep a copy of this permit. You need to read and follow the permit conditions below. Please check the DNR's [invasive species permit website](#) and sign up for permit updates to learn about changes to this permit.

Scope:

This general permit authorizes landowners or their designee to transport: (1) organic material (e.g. yard waste); and/or (2) jumping worms (*Amynthas* and/or *Metaphire species*); from landowner property to a composting site for disposal purposes. The composting site must follow the process for further reducing pathogens (PFRP). The PFRP involves heating materials to 131°F and maintaining the temperature over time according to one of the three methods of PFRP described in [Minnesota Rules, section 7035.2836 Subp. 5 \(I\)](#). This permit does not authorize you to take yard waste materials to a landfill; see [Best Practices for Disposing of Materials Infested with Jumping Worms](#) for information on landfill disposal.

Permit Conditions:

The property owner or his/her designee must take the following measures to prevent the spread of invasive jumping worm species during transport and disposal activities covered under this permit:

- confirm that the disposal site follows PFRP;
- secure the organic material in a covered trailer, closed container or use another method that ensures that the material will not fall out during transport;
- lawfully dispose of organic material at a composting site that has agreed to accept the material and follows the PFRP; and
- brush off all hauling equipment (e.g., trailer, pickup truck, tarp) before leaving the disposal site.

Who to contact if you have questions

If you have questions about what activities are included under this permit, or if you need additional permits, contact the DNR terrestrial invasive species coordinator (see the DNR's [invasive species contact list](#), or call the DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources at 651-259-5100.