



TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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Town Administrator

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To: Bristol Town Council

From: Town Administrator

Subject: Compost Sales Revenue and Operational Review

Council Members,

I am writing to provide an update on the status of the Town's compost sales. Compost sales have remained low over several consecutive years. Sales totals are as follows:

Compost Sales by Fiscal Year

- FY 2021–2022: \$97,547.06
- FY 2022–2023: \$78,067.10
- FY 2023–2024: \$84,103.59
- FY 2024–2025: \$62,036.75
- FY 2025–2026 (to date): \$23,677.28

It is important to note that the Town's compost remains in full compliance with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's approval for the distribution of Class A biosolids generated at the Compost Facility. The Town also registers the Class A biosolids annually with DEM's Division of Agriculture as a soil amendment. In addition, the Town is in compliance with the newly required quarterly PFAS sampling and testing.

The Compost Facility is now approaching its permitted storage capacity for finished compost, and with continued low sales, operational adjustments are necessary. As part of these operational options—and as outlined in the Rhode Island DEM Wastewater Facility Operation Plan—the Town is preparing plans to transport biosolids to Rhode Island Resource Recovery.

We have been working with the Town's consulting engineers on options for the management of wastewater sludge and yard waste. Any recommended changes to operating methods, disposal practices, or to products will require DEM review and approval. Formal recommendations will be presented before the annual budget process.

Respectfully,

Steven Contente

Town Administrator