

# Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence (FORCE)

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### Florida & Yard Waste

- 1988 Yard Waste Landfill Ban
- Started As Mulching State
- FORA FL Organics Recycling Association
- RFT Organics Committee, DOT Outreach, ELS Events
- FL DEP Active Staff
- University Research, UF IFAS





## Florida & FORCE



- FORCE, the Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence
  - DACS, DOT, and UF IFAS Outreach
  - Research and Demonstration Projects
  - Marketing Workshops
  - Educational Material
  - Seven State Report
    - Formal Organics Committee
      - Regulatory Reform, FDEP Chapter 62-709
  - Statewide Operator Training Course in Three Parts of FL



### Florida & Food Waste



- 2008, 75% Recycling Goal by 2020, HB 7135
- 2010, FL Repeals Yard Waste Landfill Ban
- Corporate Sustainability Programs
- Hauler Response to Corporate Demand
- Local Government Role
  - Residential Backyard Composting
  - 75% Goal Program Planning
  - Facilities
    - Yard Waste
      - Biosolids Composting



#### **DEP Organics Recycling Outreach and Awareness**

- 1 Webinars and Workshops
- 2 Facilitator for Industry
- 3 Revise the FORCE Website







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