

## Cannabis Destruction Guide

To render cannabis waste unusable, grind and mix the cannabis waste with other ground materials so the resulting mixture is at least 50% non-cannabis waste by volume. Material used to grind with the cannabis falls into two categories, compostable waste and non-compostable waste.

- 1) Compostable Mixed Waste: Cannabis waste to be disposed as compost feedstock or in another organic waste method (for example, anaerobic digester) may be mixed with the following types of waste materials:
  - a. Food waste;
  - b. Yard waste; or
  - c. Other wastes (e.g., agricultural material, biodegradable products and paper, clean wood, fruits and vegetables, plant matter).

**\*\*Vegetable-based grease oils should not be included in the destruction of cannabis materials\*\***

- 2) Non-compostable Mixed Waste: Cannabis waste to be disposed in a landfill or by another disposal method may be mixed with the following types of waste materials:
  - a. Paper waste;
  - b. Cardboard waste;
  - c. Plastic waste;
  - d. Soil; or
  - e. Other wastes (e.g., non-recyclable plastic, broken glass, leather).

Cannabis waste rendered unusable following the methods described in this Section can be disposed. Disposal of the cannabis waste rendered unusable may be delivered to a permitted solid waste facility for final disposition. Examples of acceptable permitted solid waste facilities include:

- 1) Compostable Mixed Waste: Compost, anaerobic digester or other facility with approval of the jurisdictional health department.
- 2) Non-compostable Mixed Waste: Landfill, incinerator or other facility with approval of the jurisdictional health department.

Best disposal practices for:

- topical patches (open patch and stick on either compostable waste and non-compostable waste, then dispose)
- gummy candy products (liquify with a heat source (e.g., microwave) and then mix with either compostable waste and non-compostable waste, then dispose)
- topical cannisters (pump out substance and mix with either compostable waste and non-compostable waste, then dispose)

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