

Assemblymember Epstein, Chair Krueger, and Chair Weinstein:

At the 2/14 budget hearing Assemblymember Epstein raised the need for more composting. Commissioner Seggos mentioned Executive Order 22. I am adding some additional information below in respect to our next steps for composting by agencies. Further, I have included details about our upcoming Green New York Council meeting. Thank you for your question and interest in this topic and we look forward to working with you more to advance our sustainability and waste reduction goals.

### **Executive Order 22**

[EO22](#) calls for every agency to reduce their waste 10% every five years starting from a FY 18/19 baseline. As part of this, each agency will have to create a waste reduction plan that includes a plan to divert their organic waste from landfills/incineration. This is due one year from when the plan template is issued by the GreenNY (GNY) Council.

### **Current Composting**

Information on what agencies are currently doing in regards to composting can be found in the recycling, composting, and special wastes section of the annual Greening New York State reports that are issued by the GNY Council.

- Links to previous reports:
  - [FY 20/21](#)
  - [FY 19/20](#)
  - [FY 18/19](#)
  - All of them can be found [here](#).
- The GNY Council has created a guide to composting for State agencies on the GNY Website: <https://ogs.ny.gov/greenny/composting-office>
- The GNY Council has also assisted employees and the public in composting at their homes and in their lives.
  - It hosted Lunchtime Learning Webinars on reducing food waste and composting. Recordings can be found here:
    - [Reducing Food Waste](#)
    - [Composting](#)
  - There is also information on home composting on the [GreenNY Website](#)
- DEC has composting information on its website:
  - [Home Composting](#)
  - [General Overview of composting](#)

### **GNY Council Meetings**

- Our next meeting is taking place on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM to 4 PM in Meeting Room 7 of the ESP. It will be streamed online and can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/event/2656267>
- The agenda and more information will be available on the OGS website closer to the date of the meeting (at least 72 hours in advance).
- We will make sure you are added to this list to receive notification.

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