

**TO:** Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health

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**SUBJECT:** Proposed Policy on Salvaging, Recycling, and Commercial Composting Operation  
Inspections, Complaint Investigations and Enforcement

This Salvage, Recycling, and Composting Program policy is being revised because it had become outdated and did not address changes made when adapting to a new database. The policy now reflects current practices in permitting, inspection, complaint investigations, and enforcement. Flow charts were created for each of these key aspects of the program.

Salvage yards in the past have not had a good environmental record, contaminating soils and groundwater. The permitting, inspection, and complaint portions each contribute to our mission of protecting and promoting the public's health by reducing the risk to surface and ground water and to soils.

In addition to regulating permitted operations, LLCHD receives complaints about illegal salvaging, most often because people are dismantling or storing salvage materials in their back yards in violation of zoning regulations.

LLCHD currently regulates 3 composting operations, 29 recycling operations, and 15 salvage operations.

Staff recommends approval of this policy.