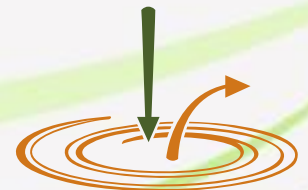




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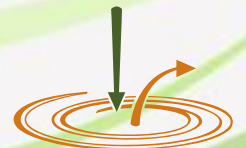


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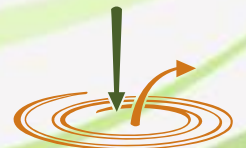
- 1988 Yard Waste Landfill Ban
- Started As Mulching State
- FORA – FL Organics Recycling Association
- RFT – Organics Committee, DOT Outreach, ELS Events
- FL DEP – Active Staff
- University Research, UF IFAS



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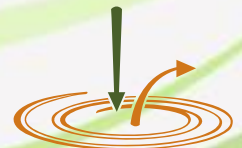
- FORCE, the Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence
  - DACS, DOT, and UF IFAS Outreach
  - Research and Demonstration Projects
  - Marketing Workshops
  - Educational Material
  - Seven State Report
    - Formal Organics Committee
      - Regulatory Reform, FDEP Chapter 62-709
  - Statewide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



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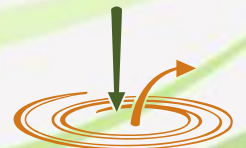
- 2008, 75% Recycling Goal by 2020, HB 7135
- 2010, FL Repeals Yard Waste Landfill Ban
- Corporate Sustainability Programs
- Hauler Response to Corporate Demand
- Local Government Role
  - Residential – Backyard Composting
  - 75% Goal – Program Planning
  - Facilities
    - Yard Waste
    - Biosolids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



# DEP Organics Recycling Outreach and Awareness

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

[www.floridaforce.org](http://www.floridaforce.org)

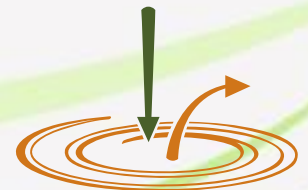


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