



BPI Pet Waste Policy - Canada Only

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BPI only licenses certification of Pet Waste Products (e.g., Pet Waste Bags, Pet Litter) for Canada, where pet waste and pet waste products are commonly accepted in curbside composting programs. Pet waste isn't currently accepted in the majority of U.S. composting collection programs; therefore, the eligibility criteria listed in Appendix B of the [BPI Commercial Compostability Certification Scheme](#) limit the certification claims for items associated with pet waste to Canada only. The intent of this policy is to support pet waste composting programs in Canada and to educate consumers about where appropriate infrastructure does and does not exist, while also reducing the risk of contamination at compost facilities that don't currently accept pet waste or pet waste products.

Each company, whether certifying or sublicensing Pet Waste Products, will need to individually meet the requirements specified below:

1. Pet Waste Products and their packaging must display the Canadian lock-up version of the BPI Certification Mark, accompanied by "Certified for Use in Canada Only" near the BPI Certification Mark.
 - a. Pet Litter currently has an exemption for the on-product display of the BPI Certification Mark, but the packaging for BPI-certified Pet Litter must comply with this policy.
2. Marketing materials must say "Certified for Use in Canada Only". When using the BPI Certification Mark to market Pet Waste Products, use of the Canadian lock-up version if required.
3. Layouts of product and packaging artwork showing compliance with the above requirements must be submitted to BPI for determination of eligibility.

Considerations for Exemption from the Canada Only Policy:

To request an exemption from the above requirements, a company must demonstrate that it has access to facilities that accept pet waste and pet waste products for composting* and submit the following information to BPI:



- List of programs/facilities that accept pet waste and/or pet waste products in the desired Territory (e.g., U.S.)
- Demonstrated efforts on packaging, marketing materials, etc. that make it clear that pet waste and pet waste products aren't accepted in most curbside composting programs in the desired Territory

BPI reserves the right to periodically modify this policy and verify compliance with its guidelines, such as by requesting photographs and/or physical samples of actual products and packaging currently in the marketplace.

**Acceptable composting programs include: private compost collection services that accept pet waste, receptacles in public spaces that accept pet waste, and/or curbside household collection programs.*