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### Open Compost Piles and Food Waste

Chester County Health Department's Rules and Regulations, Section §603. Control of Vectors, §603.4.7. states "It is hereby required that all garbage upon which rats may feed shall be placed and stored, until collected, in leak-proof, non-absorbent, corrosion-resistant containers which shall be kept covered with tight-fitting lids when filled or stored." As such, the Health Department does not recommend the addition of food waste to an open compost pile.

Food waste may be added to compost piles that are not open, and do not provide a point of entry for rats.