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As a form of **waste management**, **composting** is the process whereby **organic waste** matter is microbiologically degraded under **aerobic** conditions to achieve significant volume reduction while also producing a stable, usable end product. Co-composting refers to composting two or more waste types in the same vessel or process, thus providing cost and space savings. The most common type of co-composting practiced by counties and townships in the United States involves mixing sewage **sludge** and **municipal solid waste** to speed the process and increase the usefulness of the end product. The processing and ultimate use or disposal of cocomposting end products are regulated by federal and state environmental agencies.