Tentative Schedule

May 31, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Welcome (Jeff Wood and Rob Rhykerd, ISU)
Introductions (Paul Walker, ISU)
Introduction to the Composting Process
(Tom Halbach, University of Minnesota)
Matching feedstocks and technology to End Uses
(Kapil Arora, Iowa State University)
Recipe Development
(Joe Van Rossum, University of Wisconsin)
Use of Monitoring Equipment and Control
Charts
(Duane Friend, University of IL-Extension)
Tour of Illinois State University Farm
On-Site Windrow/Static Pile Building
Evening Speaker
(Edwin Blosser, Midwest BioSystems)

June 1, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Evaluating Compost Windrow/Static Pile Progress
Trouble Shooting Strategies (Alan Dale, Rare Earth Diversified Services)
Compost Facility Design/ Site Development
(Ted Funk, University of IL-Extension)
Income Generation Opportunities (Kapil Arora)
Compost Quality Evaluation
(Wayne Thompson, Texas A&M University)
Compost Regulation and Permitting
(Paul Walker)
Compost Marketing
Composter Panel
(Ted Kroger, Alan Dale and Jim Cowhey)

June 2, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Inspection of Compost Windrows/Piles
Tour Central Illinois Compost Facilities
(Randy Fonner and Ellen Phillips, University of IL-Extension)
Midwest Composting School Exam
Awarding of Certificates
Closing Remarks

Registration

Registration Fee:
$375.00—If registered by May 9, 2011
$450—Late Registration after May 9, until May 31

Fee covers:
all materials, lunch and dinner

Registration is limited to 45 participants

Register on-line:
www.conferences.illinoisstate.edu/midwestcompostingschool

REGISTRATION

NAME:________________________________________
Company/Agency Represented:___________________
Address:_______________________________________
Telephone Number:______________________________
E-Mail:________________________________________
Credit Card Number:____________________________
Type of Card:___________________________________
Expiration Date:_______________________________

Make Checks payable to: Illinois State University
Who Should Attend?
The target audiences for the Midwest Compost School are:

- inexperienced/new compost operations.
- experienced composters who desire to improve their compost quality, operation productivity and marketing/profitability.
- commercial and on-farm composters.
- composters considering food scraps.
- composters considering horse bedding.
- extension educators and government agency staff desiring to increase their knowledge of composting.

Purpose
Since 1999, educators representing Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin have hosted an annual Midwest Composting School. Illinois, for the first time, has been asked to host the school in 2011. Accordingly, the Midwest Composting School 2011 will feature an intensive three-day program that will train participants in the science and art of composting subjects, including but not limited to: handling of composting feed stocks, enhancement of compost quality, sampling and analytical process, environmental regulation, compost soil application rates, food waste composting, composting landscape waste, composting horse bedding and the understanding of compost markets and the marketing process. The school focuses on a combination of hands on training, lecture and discussion, compost facility operator panel discussions, problem solving exercises and a tour of Central Illinois Compost Facilities. Certificates of Participation will be provided to the three-day attendees upon completion of the school.

Lodging Information
Conference Hotel:
Chateau Hotel and Conference Center
Bloomington, IL
For room reservations request:
ISU Department of Agriculture Block
Telephone Numbers:
(309) 662-2020—Front Desk
(309) 690-4006—Reservation
Room Rate is $69.00 per night plus tax equals $77.28

Directions
The courses will be held at the Illinois State University Farm Conference Center on the Illinois State University Farm located in Lexington, Illinois. Take Interstate 55 to the Lexington exit (exit 178). Proceed towards the town of Lexington (traveling east). At the stop sign, turn left. You will then be traveling north on County Highway 23. Travel over the interstate and take the next right. Follow this road to the ISU Farm (approximately 1/4 mile).

A Campus map is available on-line:
http://maps.illinoisstate.edu/

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