

Preconference Workshop
Compost U--Moving Colleges and Universities Toward Zero Waste
with Organics Recovery: Workshop 201

Summary and Topics Covered:

We will begin this workshop with a review of Compost U Workshop 101, including understanding baseline metrics for organic materials, recycled materials, and waste volumes generated on college and university campuses and their related costs, as well as a list of possible solutions for organics collection and processing. We will then move into Workshop 201, to discuss outreach and education to support organics recovery programs at universities. Given the variety of engagement points students, faculty, staff, and visitors encounter on campus, the implementation of clear, concise, and consistent program messaging across campus is paramount. We will emphasize best practices and identify key resources to empower attendees to maximize their organics recovery program outreach.

- Marketing Compost
- Contamination Reduction and Measurement
- Composting Technologies
- The Business of Composting
- Diverting and Collecting Organics
- Programming, Policy and Education

Instructors: Nicole Chardoul and Kelly Domino, Resource Recycling Systems

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Fee: \$205 for USCC members, \$255 for nonmembers

CCOM™/CCP™ PDHs: 3.5

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Review of Baseline Metrics
- Solutions for Collection and Processing
- Education and Outreach Best Practices
- Implementation of Best Practices
- Wrap Up and Evaluation

Expected Learning Outcomes:

- Gain a better understanding of how an organics recovery program will help you succeed in reaching a zero waste goal.

- How to utilize outreach tactics to educate around a new or existing organics recovery program.
- Identify resources for effective organics recovery program outreach and education.

About the Instructors:

Nicole Chardoul, a licensed professional engineer, is principal and vice president at RRS, a sustainability and materials management consulting firm headquartered in Ann Arbor, MI. Nicole brings expertise in healthcare sustainability support services, waste and resource management, organics program design, construction management, and engineering. Nicole has trained compost site operators since 2002 and serves on local and national compost regulatory review committees to encourage composting and food waste diversion from the landfill. She utilizes her background working in environmental health and safety to work with private companies, universities, healthcare systems, municipalities, and food policy councils to conduct assessments, provide training, promote best practices, and build infrastructure for waste reduction and recovery, improved public health and environment, and healthy food, water, and soils. She has also managed the design, construction, and implementation of numerous material recovery facilities, transfer stations, drop-off stations, and compost sites.

Kelly Domino is an analyst at RRS with eight years of experience in solid waste management, sustainable materials management, and resource recovery. Her skill set based in technical writing, research support, and communications enables Kelly to lend support to a variety of projects including university zero waste, private corporation sustainability outreach, and trade association product stewardship. Prior to joining RRS, Kelly assisted in environmental management projects at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, as well as on solid waste and recycling program work in the sustainable materials management section of the Environmental Protection Agency in Region 4.