

## Preconference Tour Austin Large-Scale Composting

Join us for a tour of one of the primary facilities processing organics from the City of Austin, Organics By Gosh, taking a variety source-separated organics and producing both bagged and bulk products.

**Organics by Gosh (OBG)** <https://www.organicsbygosh.com/> is a green waste and food waste composter that serves the greater Austin area. Located on 180 acres in Elgin, Texas the facility is co-located with a quarry which provides much of the materials for its soils blending operation and with Oldcastle which takes about 20% of the company's output for its bagging operation. OBG takes 100% of the City of Austin's curbside residential foodwaste/greenwaste programs which services 200,000 households. The Company also collects post-consumer food waste from over 300 area restaurants for its composting operation. OBG has a depackaging operation which de-packages pre-consumer food waste for industries within the region. Compost is processed utilizing windrows with the final product sold directly through its retail operation or delivered to its blending operation where the company produces soil blends.

**Fee:** \$124 for USCC members, \$174 for nonmembers

**Duration:**

Bus 1 Departs 8:15 returns 11:30

Bus 2 Departs 10:15 returns 1:30

**CCOM™/CCP™ PDHs: 2.00**

### Organics by Gosh Tour

1 Scale

Scale in/out procedures, mention automated kiosk for registered trucks

2 Brush Pile

Give brief overview of various waste streams we accept showing the brush drop operation as we pass it on our way to the city pad

3 City Pad

Show the types of material collected and delivered by COA

Discuss the importance and process of quality control/the duties of this department

Show grinding phase. This will include the introduction of water to the material and few words on the importance of this step.

Static Pile construction for initial heat cycle

4 Trucking

Trucks will be transporting completed static piles over to the pad for windrow phase.

Bus will follow a truck over to that location

## 5 Windrows

Witness truck dumping transported material for now windrows  
Witness Backhus windrow turner in action

## 6 Screening

We'll have a screening plant brought over to be easily viewed in action from the edge of the pad while the turner is making its' way back to the blending yard to show its' other core uses at OBG

## 7 Blending

Tour through yard, showing final compost product and various stock of blended materials. Give brief overview on our main products and what they are used for

## 6 Tiger Depack

Everyone can safely de-board in the parking area in front of the warehouse  
Matt and Emily will discuss the Tiger operation and related topics along with the Organics collection department

## 7 Oldcastle

Right behind the Tiger warehouse is Oldcastle's facility. Attendees can view (at a safe distance) the robotic bagging lines in operation and surrounding activities. We may even have their plant manager available to say a few words on their process

## 8 Oldcastle Pallet Yard

Attendees will board the tour bus and be taken on a loop through the Oldcastle pre-pack yard where they can see an impressive volume of ready-to-ship pallets of bagged product

## 9 Retail

After a quick summary of the production process and then channels to market, the bus will arrive back on the north end of the property after passing the retail bunkers which can be viewed easily while headed that direction. Our retail building is situated at the top of the property, set away from active traffic. It's an ideal location for extra Q/A and there is also a bathroom available for those in need before they head off the property.