



**Pre Conference Workshop FULL DAY
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Foundations of Composting

This intensive and interactive one-day training will cover the basic concepts, practices and “how to’s” of commercial compost production. The course will provide a broad foundation for novice compost operators, managers and regulators and will refresh veteran composters on the underlying scientific principles. Subjects will include: Basic principles of composting, process insights, facility design and management, feedstock properties, qualities of compost, odor control, major processing methods, and an overview of markets for compost. Serves as a review in preparation for the Certified Compost Operations Manager™ test or the Certified Composting Professional™ test.

Instructors:

Matt Cotton - Owner, Integrated Waste Management Consulting, LLC
Dr. Bob Rynk

Fee: \$445.00 for USCC members, \$495.00 for nonmembers

Duration: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, with one hour for lunch (on your own)

Date: February 2, 2026

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Agenda

- Greetings, Course Objectives
- Why Composting?
- Compost Uses, Compost Quality
- Basic Principles of Composting
- Composting Methods
- Siting and Design
- Odors & Fires, other management issues