



Pre Conference Workshop FULL DAY
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Adding Food Waste to your Compost Facility

Ready to take your composting operation to the next level? This workshop dives into proven strategies for upgrading windrows and aerated static piles to efficiently process **high-energy feedstocks like food waste**. Learn how to fine-tune your mix, pile shape, turning frequency, and aeration to boost performance and reduce challenges.

Participants will gain practical tools to make smart, data-driven decisions using their **existing or planned facility resources**—from managing contaminants to controlling the aggressive biological activity that food waste can bring.

Topics include:

- Feedstock energy calculations and pile sizing
- Aeration system design and odor control strategies
- Facility layout and pavement considerations
- Plastic contamination and strategies for minimizing and removing
- Engineering tradeoffs, control system options, and permitting insights

By the end of this session, you'll have a clear understanding of the **operational and design implications** of different composting configurations—helping you balance capital costs, optimize performance, and stay ahead of odor and permitting challenges.

Whether you're expanding your capacity or just getting ready to introduce food waste, this workshop will give you the confidence and know-how to do it right.

Instructors:

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

Duration: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, with one hour for lunch

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