

18th Annual Conference & Tradeshow

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WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE USCC'S 18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADESHOW

The USCC's Annual Conference & Exhibition is the Composting and Organics Recycling industry's premier event in North America, providing industry professionals with educational, networking, & career advancement opportunities.

The Conference Program and suite of Workshops and Training Courses offers the most comprehensive seminar program available anywhere with **10 workshops and speakers on a broad range of industry related topics and core topics** to better educate both novice and veteran composters & organics professionals. Four concurrent tracks allow conference attendees to choose from a wide variety of educational & technical presentations. **The Conference Program includes more than 100 presentations by nationally & internationally renowned speakers.**

The USCC Conference hosts the largest trade show in North America for the composting, wood waste & organics recycling industry. Nowhere else will you have the opportunity to interact with more than 100 equipment manufactures, product suppliers and service providers that can meet your current & future needs. There is no better place to learn about new ideas, new products & services to make your job more efficient and more profitable.

You will learn about the role of organics and composting in reducing greenhouse gases (GHG's) and mitigating Climate Change—It is clear that proper management of organic materials has a role to play in reducing greenhouse gases, reducing energy costs and sequestering carbon. The USCC is developing a number of tools that will help you address and benefit from these emerging issues.

You can sign up for the "Expert's Corner" and receive a complimentary one on one problem solving meeting with leading experts in the field. Any problem, any topic—consultants, veteran composters, researchers, marketing professionals, regulators, soil chemists, lab directors and others will be available to assist you.

You can obtain Continuing Professional Education credit & CEU's from ASLA, SWANA, and Florida Board of P.E.'s for attending the U.S. Composting Council's 17th Annual Conference & Tradeshow

You will learn about Food Waste Diversion Programs in Florida and about a new composting operation in the Ocala area which processes biosolids and yardwaste utilizing a modified windrow process. This facility is developing programs for food waste composting including compostable plates, cups, utensils and garbage bags and is permitted to receive up to 250 tons of material per day.

You will learn about Florida's proposed 75% statewide recycling goal and how composting fits into achieving that goal. Come learn what nationwide research has shown has worked in other states and recommendations for Florida's next steps.

You will learn about Florida's industry effort to work with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to change Florida's permitting process for composting yard and pre-consumer food waste. And how changing this process could help remove the challenges to growing Florida's organics compost industry.

You will learn about the Florida Organic Recycling Center for Excellence (FORCE) a legislatively funded program that will continue to foster organics recycling education, information dissemination, organics testing and demonstration, and training regarding the proposed rule changes for food and yard waste composting.

You will learn about the state's yard waste mulching programs and why Florida lags behind other states in advancing compost production and usage and how the new rule changes are intended to help improve Florida's organics recycling industry.

You will learn about the results of equipment evaluated in two Counties to separate plastic from yard trash in order to attempt to produce better mulch and compost products.

You will learn about programs that illustrate the Compost/Mulch industry in Florida from what's happening with mulch and compost usage in Roadside Programs by Florida's Department of Transportation and their development of a Green Team to help spearhead green efforts in Florida; as well as a recent survey performed to DOT staff and contractors and the results of that survey. A Best Management Practices Manual will be available which outlines a recommendation for Florida's DOT to expand mulch and compost use using other states as a model (i.e., TX and CA).

You will learn valuable lessons about quality compost production & marketing at Compost Showcase VI. The Showcase provides an opportunity for compost producers & marketers from across the country to share ideas & compare notes on branding, producing & marketing compost products.

You will have the opportunity to determine all of your current and future equipment solutions in one day! The USCC Conference hosts the largest "Live" Equipment Demonstrations in the U.S. Compost Screening, Grinding/Shredding Equipment, Turning, Mulch Colorizing, Bagging, Compost Application, Erosion Control, Rolling Stock and Mixing & Blending Equipment. For conference attendees who have immediate or future equipment needs, this is a unique opportunity to observe some of the best and newest equipment in operation in one place at one time.

You will visit the Disney World/Reedy Creek Improvement District Composting Facilities which will be the host facility for Tours and "Live" Equipment Demonstrations. The equipment demonstrations promise to be bigger and better than ever. Tours will include the **Disney/Reedy Creek Improvement District Aerated Static Pile** and **modified wind-row facility** which includes 8 acres under roof and processes biosolids, yard trimmings and animal manures from the Animal Kingdom; **the wastewater treatment plant** which processes, treats, and recirculates all of the water throughout the Magic Kingdom and Epcot; and **the Food Waste Composting Facility** which features an In-Vessel composting system for processing the food residuals from the theme park restaurants and hotels throughout Disney World. This is sure to be an exciting day for all attendees.

Florida is a huge market for composting equipment, products, and services. FORCE (The Florida Organic Recycling Center for Excellence) and RFT (Recycle Florida Today) are co-sponsoring the conference, so attendance from Florida composting and mulching facilities will be high.

The Conference is located in beautiful Orlando, Florida. The airport is serviced by all major airlines and is an easy & inexpensive trip from most areas of the country.

The Conference is being held at the Wyndham Orlando Resort hotel on International Drive. **The conference rate is \$125/night which is a fantastic price for an Orlando property** that is 5 minutes from Universal Studios and 10 minutes from Disney World.