

## Lodging Information

Lodging, other meals and travel expenses are the responsibility of each participant. The following accommodations are located near OARDC:

Barrister's End B&B	330-262-4085
Best Western Wooster	330-264-7750
Black Squirrel Inn B&B	330-262-3803
Days Inn	330-345-1500
Econo Lodge	330-264-8883
Hampton Inn	330-345-4424
Hilton Garden Inn	330-202-7701
Mirabelle B&B	330-264-6006
Wooster Inn	330-263-2660



## Directions

The education course will be held at the Shisler Center on the OSU-OARDC campus located at 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, Ohio. The Shisler Center is located adjacent to the Fisher Auditorium.

### From the east or west:

Follow US 30 to Wooster. Exit at Madison Ave. Turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. Go up the hill and the OARDC main entrance is located on the left, just past the top of the hill.

### From the south or southwest:

Take Route 3 or I-71 north to US 30 east. Follow directions east or west..

### From the southeast:

Follow US 250 West. After you pass Guerne, do not turn right at the 250/83 bypass but continue past the Agricultural Technical Institute. The OARDC main entrance is on the right..

### From the east or west:

Take Route 83 South to US 30. Go west on US 30 to Madison Avenue. Exit. Follow the directions from east or west.

A campus map is available online at:  
[www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/centernet/oardcmap.htm](http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/centernet/oardcmap.htm)

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# Ohio Compost Operator Education Course



MARCH 30 & 31, 2010

Shisler Center, OARDC  
1680 Madison Avenue  
Wooster, OH 44691



*An education program sponsored by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Education Fund to promote compost operator technical knowledge and sound operating techniques.*

[www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/ocamm](http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/ocamm)

## Purpose

The course is designed to combine the research and engineering knowledge of OSU scientists with the experience of Ohio composters and to provide a certificate program on the science and art of composting. The intensive 2-day course provides participants with a practical understanding of the composting process and the means to address operational issues involved in the production of compost at large scale facilities.

## Who should attend?

The course is designed to meet the diverse needs of the composting industry. It will benefit:

- Compost facility operators and managers
- Public health officials
- Extension agents
- Farmers
- Nursery operators and managers
- Municipal solid waste managers
- Composting consultants
- Public policy consultants
- Environmental regulators
- Equipment vendors

## Presenters

The course is presented by those with extensive research and practical experience in the field of composting and include OSU faculty, facility design engineers, compost industry regulatory personnel, compost facility operators, and marketing experts.

## Course Schedule

**March 30, 8:15 am to 4:30 pm**

- Registration
- Introduction and pre-test
- Composting principles and biology
- Composting methods and mixing raw materials
- Site design and management
- Organic mulches in ornamental landscapes
- Lab exercises:
  - Sampling and testing
  - Effect of turning
  - Compost properties
  - Fan efficiency
  - Optimizing mixing ratios

**March 31, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

- Compost testing
- Methods to minimize odor
- Lab exercise:
  - Compost stability
- Managing the operations
- Composting regulations
- Composting economics and marketing
- Value-added utilization of compost
- Wrap-up

## Continuing Education Units

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available as follows:

- 13.0 hours**, OEPA Waste Water Certification
- 11.0 hours**, Registered Sanitarians

## Registration

### Registration fee:

**\$175** for Organic Recycling Association of Ohio (ORAO)\*

**\$225** for non-members

Covers all materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. Registration limited to 25.

\* To join ORAO and receive the discounted fee, contact Linda Robertson: [director@ohiocompost.org](mailto:director@ohiocompost.org)

### Registration deadline: March 22, 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Ohio Compost Association? \_\_\_\_\_

### Make checks payable to: OARDC/OSU

### Send completed registration form to:

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OARDC/OSU  
Ag Engineering Building  
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### Questions?

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