

Lodging Information

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

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
Market Street Inn	330-262-4085
Mirabelle B&B	330-264-6006
Wooster Inn	330-263-2660



Additional composting resources at:
<http://oardc.osu.edu/ocamm>

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 State Route 3 or I-71 north to US 30 east. Follow directions for 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 north:

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/secondary2/OARDC_Map.htm

For questions or more information,
contact Mary Wicks

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Ohio Compost Operator Education Course



MARCH 21 & 22, 2012

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.



Purpose

The course combines the research and engineering knowledge of OSU scientists with the experience of Ohio composters, providing a comprehensive 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 and 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 professionals 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 21, 8:15 am to 4:30 pm

Check-in

Fundamentals of Composting

Composting principles and biology

Composting methods and mixing raw materials

Site design and management

Compost testing

Lab exercises:

- Sampling and testing
- Effect of turning
- Compost properties
- Fan efficiency
- Optimizing mixing ratios

March 22, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Managing the Operation

Methods to minimize odor

Lab exercise:

- Compost stability

Managing the operations

Composting regulations

Economics and Utilization

Composting economics and marketing

Organic mulches in ornamental landscapes

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 Organics 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

Registration deadline: March 13, 2012

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Are you a member Organics Recycling Association of Ohio? _____

Make checks payable to: OARDC/OSU

Send completed registration form to:

Ohio Compost Operator Education Course
OARDC/OSU

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