

# MANAGING COMPOSTING PROGRAMS

This three-day course addresses a broad array of concepts critical to successfully managing composting programs including:

- The reasons for composting
- Typical feedstocks composted
- The importance of compost marketing
- Basic concepts of establishing and operating a composting operation
- New practices and emerging technologies
- Management issues inherent in municipal composting

The course is offered by SWANA as preparation for the Composting Certification exam, issued jointly by SWANA and the U.S. Composting Council (USCC).



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Professionals who manage or would like to manage composting programs; operators of municipal composting programs, consultants or anyone with an interest in the field of composting.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will enable students to appreciate and understand the science and practice of this growing industry. Upon completing this course, participants will have an understanding of composting from planning through design and operation of modern compost facilities.

## COURSE CONTENT

The text for the course is [Managing Composting Programs](#). This comprehensive manual details these topics including supplemental images, graphs, examples and exercises. Where possible, a facility tour is included.

- The Importance of Composting as a Component of Solid Waste Management
- Compost Uses, Markets & Compost Quality
- Composting Principles
- Composting Methods
- Facility Site Development and Equipment
- System Planning and Economics
- Operations and Troubleshooting
- Regulatory Management
- Organic Material Collection
- Additional Ways to Manage Organics