MANAGING COMPOSTING PROGRAMS

This course will enable students to appreciate and understand the science and practice of this industry. This course addresses concepts critical to successfully managing composting programs including the rationale for composting, planning and site development, economics, and operations. Managing Composting Programs discusses best practices, emerging technologies, and management issues characteristic of municipal composting programs. The course consists of class lecture, discussion, activities and an optional facility tour.

SWANA offers this course as preparation for the Composting Programs Certification.

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

COURSE CONTENT
The text for the course is Managing Composting Programs. This comprehensive manual covers these topics including supplemental images, graphs, examples, and exercises.

- 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