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APPROVED COMPOST OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAMS

All operators of composting facilities regulated by the Solid Waste Management Program are required to complete an approved training course. See [Solid Waste Management Rules](#) §6- 1105(d)(5) and §6-1108(a)(10).

Vermont Compost Operator Training Course

The 2021 Vermont Compost Operator Training will be held in the fall and will likely be held remotely via webinar sessions and a few pre-recorded units. Exact date to be determined.

Topics covered include:

- Principles of Composting
- Compost Recipe Development
- Materials & Blending
- Windrow Construction
- Pile Monitoring & Management
- Windrow Aeration
- Aerated Static Pile Composting
- Mortality Composting
- Storm Water & Leachate Management
- Neighbor Relations
- Mortality Composting
- Site & Operating Permit Requirements

Cost: approximately \$30

For more information and to sign up to be notified when registration opens, please go to Compost Technical Services' website: <https://www.composttechnicalservices.com/workshops>

There are a wealth of composting resources compiled on the VT Solid Waste Management Program's website: <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/materials-mgmt/organic-materials#CompostingResources>

Maine Compost School

Five day course typically offered twice per year in June and October. ***May not be held in 2021 due to covid-19***

Location: Augusta, Maine

Cost: \$575

Website: <http://composting.org/>

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Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)



SWANA periodically offers a three day course on composting from planning to design and operation of modern compost facilities. Availability of SWANA trainings is always changing, so keep checking their calendar for course listings.

Location: Various locations throughout the United States. See SWANA website for details.

Cost: Ranges from \$795 - \$1,295 depending upon the option chosen.

Website: <https://swana.org/training-certification/find-a-course/course-catalog/certification-course/managing-composting-programs>

US Composting Council

Five day in-person course includes lectures, hands-on activities and field trips.

Location: Various locations throughout the United States

Cost: Cost: Early Bird Price: USCC members: \$770, Non-members: \$870

Regular Price: USCC members: \$870, non-members \$970

Student discount available

Website: https://www.compostingcouncil.org/events/event_list.asp

Other trainings may be approved on a case by case basis. Please contact benjamin.gauthier@vermont.gov for more information.