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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- 1104(m), §6-1105 (h) and §6-1106(g)

Vermont Composter Operator Training Course

October 5, 2017 from 8AM to 4:30PM at the Old Brick Church and Green Mountain Compost in Williston, VT.

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: \$30

Website: <http://www.composttechnicalservices.com/vt-compost-operator-certification-training>

Maine Compost School

Five day course offered twice per year in June and October.

Location: Augusta, Maine

Cost: \$525

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

Telephone: (207)592-0455

Curriculum Information:

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Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)

Three day course on composting from planning through design and operation of modern compost facilities.

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/Education/CourseCatalog/RecyclingSpecialWaste/ManagingCompostingPrograms.aspx>

Training dates, cost, registration, curriculum and location options can all be seen at the link above.

US Composting Council

Five day 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: <http://compostingcouncil.org/training/>

Other trainings may be approved on a case by case basis. Please contact benjamin.gauthier@state.vt.us for more information.