

Compost Conference To Dig Into Marketing, Use

CREAMERY (Montgomery Co.) — This year, Penn State Cooperative Extension's compost conference in the Philadelphia area will dig deep into issues related to compost marketing and use.

The Marketing and Use of Compost Conference will address composting from the perspective of both the producer trying to find markets and uses for compost and the compost user.

The conference is aimed at farmers, municipalities, nurseries and greenhouses, landscapers, and others in the industry who have some familiarity with the composting process, as well as interested members of the general public.

On August 24, participants will meet at Montgomery County Community College, in Blue Bell, for a day of seminars. The following day they board a bus at the 4-H

Center in Creamery for a day-long compost tour.

The seminar on day one will feature a series of speakers and workshops on the marketing and use of compost. The audience-specific workshops will give participants the opportunity to ask questions of researchers and field practitioners testing and using compost for landscaping, turf, municipal applications, greenhouse and nursery uses, and farm applications. There will also be a workshop on how to approach lab testing of compost for quality. Networking time will be set aside for participants during lunch, and the seminar will conclude with a panel discussion on permitting compost sites.

The bus tour on day two will visit composting use sites, field trials, and compost equipment demonstrations. Lunch will be served at Hickory Park's covered

pavilion in New Hanover Township, and equipment demonstrations will take place across the road from Hickory Park at S-Berry Farm.

The conference is sponsored by the Recycling Education Office of Penn State's Montgomery County Cooperative Extension and is being organized in conjunction

with a volunteer program committee whose members come from the region's farms, greenhouses, nurseries, landscape companies, land managers, municipalities, county government, and compost experts. Cosponsors of the conference include the Rodale Institute Research Center in Kutztown, the

Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust of Huntingdon Valley, and the Waste System Authority of Montgomery County.

For more information or to receive a conference brochure and registration form, contact the Recycling Education Office at (610) 454-1245.

Food Safety, Sanitation Course Set

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — Penn State Cooperative Extension, Chester County will hold the 16-hour Certified Food Safety and Sanitation Course on Mondays, August 22 and 29, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Another session is scheduled for Wednesdays, August 24 and 31 and September 7 and 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at the extension office, Westtown Road, West Chester. Registration of \$75

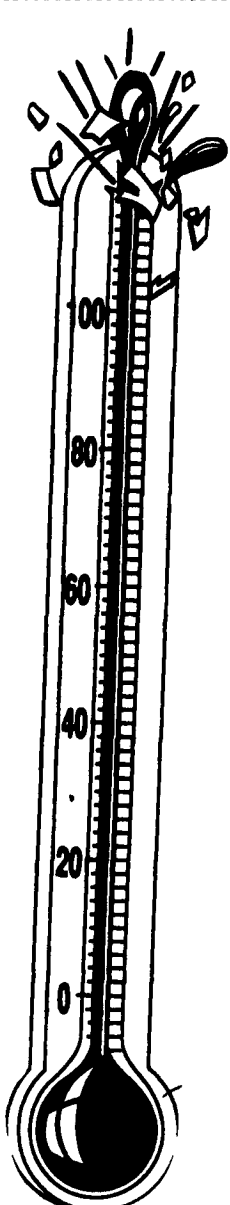
is required by August 10 and enrollment is limited.

This program is geared for those who have a food service establishment in Chester County and are required to have a certified food sanitation manager on site.

Learn to keep your food safe and prevent foodborne illness in

your establishment. Some of the topics covered will be keeping food safe in storage, organizing a cleaning program, integrated pest management (IPM).

For more information on this and other programs, contact the Penn State Cooperative Extension office.



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