

Midwest Compost School Agenda 2020

Day 1, Tuesday, July 7th, 2020

<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Angie Hauer	8:00 AM	Check In & Refreshments at Classroom (College of Professional Studies (CPS), Room 116)
Paul Fowler	8:30 AM	Welcome, Introductions, and Course Objectives
Rob Michitsch		Discussion of Compost Knowledge & Expectations; Form groups
Rob Michitsch	9:00 AM	Composting Basics
Rob Michitsch	10:00 AM	Equipment Measurements, Solvita Calculations, Feedstock Characteristics & Process Variables, Data Collection, Analysis and Uses
Angie Hauer	11:00 AM	Break
Ginny Black	11:15 AM	Group Recipe Development (need 1 laptop/group)
Angie Hauer	12:15 PM	Lunch
Angie Hauer	1:00 PM	Walk to Waste Education Center (WEC)
Rob Michitsch, Ginny Black	1:15 PM	Pile Building
Rob Michitsch, Ginny Black		Initial Sampling
Angie Hauer	3:15 PM	Bus to Hsu's Compost (compost manufacturer)
Dennis Brusky	4:00 PM	Tour Hsu's & Demonstrations (Large Scale Equipment)
	5:00 PM	Return to UWSP
	5:45 PM	Adjourn

Day 2, Wednesday, July 8th, 2020

ONE DAY OPTION

<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Rob Michitsch, Ginny Black	7:30 AM	Compost Pile testing/measuring (WEC)
Rob Michitsch, Ginny Black	8:00 AM	Pile Sampling/testing (WEC)
Rob Michitsch, Ginny Black	9:00 AM	Initial Results/Troubleshooting
Angie Hauer	9:30 AM	Walk to the Classroom (CPS 116); refreshments available
Angie Hauer	9:30 AM	Registrants attending this ONE day only, arrive
Ginny Black	10:00 AM	STA/TMECC: Overview and Why It's Important (Interpreting Lab Results, Compost Quality Issues)
Casey Lamensky	11:00 AM	Wisconsin and other Midwest State Regulations
Angie Hauer	12:00 AM	Lunch
Rob Michitsch	1:00 PM	Animal Composting & Mass Mortalities/CWD
Kelly Adlington	2:00 PM	Experiences & Challenges in Establishing a Composting Program in a Small City
Angie Hauer	3:00 PM	Break
Ginny Black	3:15 PM	Food Waste Diversion
Meleesa Johnson	3:45 PM	PFAS and Compost Operations
	4:45 PM	Adjourn

Day 3, Thursday, July 9th, 2020

<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Rob Michitsch, Ginny Black	7:30 AM	Pile Sampling/Testing (WEC)
Rob Michitsch, Ginny Black	8:30 AM	Pile Judging
Rob Michitsch	9:00 AM	Results/Analysis
Angie Hauer	9:30 AM	Walk to Classroom (CPS 116); Refreshments available
Bart Sexton	10:00 AM	Facility Design
Paul Fowler, Rob Michitsch	11:00 AM	Compostable Packaging; Compostability Testing
Angie Hauer	11:45 AM	Lunch
Rob Michitsch	12:45 PM	Odor Management
Dr. Michael Seipel	1:15 PM	Food Compost Program at Truman State University, Kirksville, MO
Deb Shaw	1:45 PM	Compost Marketing & Sales
Paul Fowler	2:15 PM	Questions & Opportunities
Paul Fowler, Rob Michitsch	2:30 PM	Closing Remarks; Recap and Review
Rob Michitsch	2:45 PM	Compost School Exam
Angie Hauer		Evaluations
	3:45 PM	School Adjourns