US Composting Council

US Composting Council: 2013 Issues & Agenda

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“Earth knows no desolation. She smells regeneration in the moist breath of decay”.
- George Meredith
Outline

- USCC Mission & Vision

- Current Issues & USCC Activity
  - Critical Issues
  - Market Development
  - Strategic Alliances
  - CCREF
  - Conference
Mission Statement
The US Composting Council (USCC) advances composting and promotes compost use to enhance soils and provide economic and environmental benefits for our members and society.

Vision Statement
We believe that the recycling of organic materials is central to achieving healthy soils, clean water and a sustainable society.
Critical Issues

- Persistent Herbicides
- NAICS
- Model Rules
Market Development

- Trade shows
- Seal of Testing Assurance (STA)
- Consumer Compost Use Program (CCUP)
- National Communications Campaign
**IF IT ISN’T STA COMPOST… WHAT IS IT?**

What are you specifying and purchasing for your landscape plantings?

**STA COMPOST:**
- Improves landscape establishment
- Improves customer satisfaction
- Makes specifying and purchasing compost easy
- Assures proper use and application

**STA PARTICIPANTS ARE QUALITY COMPOST PRODUCERS THAT:**
- Participate in a national program
- Test products on a prescribed schedule
- Comply with all state and federal regulation
- Follow uniform compost analysis requirements

**USE COMPOST**

**BULK OR BAGGED**

USE COMPOST & RAISE SOIL ORGANIC MATTER TO 5%

**COMPOST BUILDS HEALTHY SOIL - THE FOUNDATION OF A STRONG VIBRANT LANDSCAPE!**

BUY COMPOST AT A GARDEN OR LANDSCAPE SUPPLY CENTER NEAR YOU & STRIVE FOR 5% ORGANIC MATTER

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COMPOST AND LEED/SITES: A Natural Connection

USE COMPOST FOR CREDITS IN:

Materials and Resources
- COMPOST is a 100% Recycled Product
- COMPOST is produced locally
- COMPOST is a rapidly renewable resource

Water Efficiency
- COMPOST Reduces Landscape Water Demands
- Use COMPOST in Biofiltration and Constructed Wetlands

Sustainable Sites & COMPOST
- Pollution Prevention
- Habitat Protection & Restoration
- Site Water Runoff Reduction and Quality Improvement
- Heat Island Effect; both Roof and Non-Roof
Strategic Alliances

- National Restaurant Association (NRA)
- American Biogas Council (ABC)
- Keep America Beautiful (KAB)
- Biocycle
Composting Council Research & Education Foundation

- Non-Profit (c) 3 charitable
- Research & Education Projects
- Two Cents for Compost Program
“Composting is the next wave of environmentalism”

Mathew McKenna
President & CEO
Keep America Beautiful
USCC
21st Annual Conference & Tradeshow

January 28–31
Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa
Lake Buena Vista
Orlando, FL

Make plans to attend the largest conference & exhibition in North America for the composting, wood waste & organics recycling industry.

Outstanding conference program featuring educational & technical presentations, “live” equipment demonstrations, training courses & workshops, over 100 exhibitors, networking, social events & more!

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