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Organics Recycling Conference

September 22-24, 2026

Calgary Alberta

Conférence sur le recyclage
des matières organiques
Du 22 au 24 septembre 2026

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Where Trailblazers Learn, Connect & Can Harness the Treasures of Black Gold

Tours + Presentations + Networking + Exhibits

Join the Organics Recycling Trailblazers

Registration to this leading 3-day conference includes:

DAY 1 ! (Tuesday September 22):

Full day of tours covering visits to Calgary's anaerobic digestion and composting facilities and more!

DAY 2 & 3 !! (Wednesday September 23 & Thursday September 24):

Presentations, Networking Round-Ups & Meet-Ups with Equipment & Service Suppliers, Panel Discussions as well as Wednesday Evening's Connections Dinner

Tour Day = Tuesday September 22, 2026

(Tour day is included in conference registration fee)

**Tour spaces limited; Advance registration absolutely required.
All tour registrants will be travelling on conference tour buses.
Safety gear (steel-toe shoes, hard hats, glasses and vests) required.**

Our tour day will include visits to:

The City of Calgary Organics Recycling Facility

We will be touring Calgary's newly expanded processing facility for residential source-separated organics.

The recent addition of an anaerobic digestion module will capture bio-gas that will be upgraded into a renewable natural gas. This adds an extra 60,000 tonnes of processing capacity to the already existing 100,000 tonnes of composting capacity to support the Green Cart program.

The facility produces CQA-certified compost from the SSO program and the city's dewatered biosolids with complimentary compost being available to Calgary residents and local community gardens.

City of Calgary Biosolids Demonstration Projects

The City of Calgary (The City) and SYLVIS have worked together since 2013 to develop an innovative biosolids beneficial use program. The program accepts dewatered biosolids to improve the quality of soils considered marginal for agriculture and as a nutrient source and soil conditioner to aid and maintain a short-rotation coppice willow biomass plantation.

The Calgary Biomass Production and Marginal Land Improvement Program is recognized as the largest willow plantation established using dewatered biosolids in Western Canada and has beneficially used over 61,000 dry tonnes of dewatered biosolids since project inception.

Harvested biomass reduces the amount of purchased woody material for The City of Calgary's Composting Facility and promotes residuals management circularity within The City.

Stay tuned for additions to this already-amazing tour line-up!

A day of real-life learning and inspiration

Definitely a MUST-SEE

**At 7pm, please join us for a WELCOME RECEPTION
in the Rocky Mountain Ballroom among our exhibitors.
Light refreshments will be served.**

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026

8 - 9:30am

A CALGARY STAMPEDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST !

Pancake Breakfasts are a time-honoured tradition of the Calgary Stampede for over 100 years. It is with great appreciation to the Calgary Stampede and its round-up of volunteers that we are able to have a Calgary Stampede pancake breakfast to kick off our conference sessions. Please join us!

10 - 11:30am

WELCOME TO ORGANICS RECYCLING IN CALGARY

Scaling Up: Lessons from Expanding Calgary's Composting Facility

Expanding composting capacity isn't just about building more infrastructure. It's about balancing technology, timelines, operations, and risk in a live environment.

Join The City of Calgary and Chinook Resource Management Group (CRMG) as they walk through the realities of expanding the Calgary Composting Facility.

This panel will explore **key challenges** and **trade-offs**, from technology choice and design pressures to construction constraints and keeping operations running. Expect an honest discussion focused on **lessons learned** and **practical take-aways** for others tackling similar projects.

**The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth:
Sustainability and the Calgary Stampede**

Kori Stosky, Calgary Stampede

The City of Calgary Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Program

Catalina Nadeau-Bonilla, City of Calgary

Turning Calgary's Greenbin Organics into Energy

Sergey Baranov, Thoeni

11:30am - 1:30pm

Exhibits and Lunch

1:30 - 3pm: Concurrent Sessions

I. MANAGING THE COMPOSTING PROCESS BASED ON LESSONS-LEARNED

**Maintenance Challenges in High-Moisture,
Corrosive Composting Environment**

Efa David, Convertus Group

**Composting Without the Complaints:
Best Management Practices for Odour Control**

Baraka Poulin, Engineered Compost Systems

Compost Animal Mortality and Animal Waste in In-Vessel Systems

Yusuf Celik, Poly-Canam

II. STAKING OUR CLAIM: PROSPECTING FOR ORGANICS RESIDUALS

Going "Back to the Future" with Reuse in Banff

Carla Bitz, Town of Banff

**Multi-Family Equity Pilot: Improving Access to Composting and Waste Diversion
for Equity-Deserving Residents Living in Multi-Family Buildings**

Natalia Gonzalez, City of Calgary

**Advances in Oversight Technology to Improve Participation in IC&I
and Multi-Residential Collection Programs**

Tim Corcoran, Molok North America

3 - 3:30pm

Break in Exhibit Area

3:30 - 5pm

COMMUNITY GAINS THROUGH COMPOSTING

Supporting Advances in Community Composting Across Canada

Susan Antler, Compost Council of Canada

Community Composting:

Results from a Survey of Rural Canadian Households

Belinda Li, Food Systems Lab, Simon Fraser University

**Small but Mighty! Activating a Drop-Off Composting Site
in Downtown St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador**

Viviana Ramirez-Luna, NL Composting Co-op

**Regenerative Food Systems and Community Composting:
Lessons from Six Years of Partnership with First Nations in Alberta**

Elizabeth Romo-Rabago, Ciclomaniacs

Bringing Life back to the Earth in Cariboo Regional District

Oliver Berger, Cariboo Compost

Compost Club YYC

Mike Coolidge, Karuna Compost

Big Impact From a Small Scale:

Happy Trash Can and Sustainable Generation

Ryan Green, Happy Trash Can and Aaron Oscewski, Sustainable Generation

**SURPRISE EVENING EVENT ...
in the Fine Tradition of our Council's Conferences!
Celebrating Urban Agriculture**

Immediately following the end of our final session of the day,
we will be gathering for our Council's evening event.
Dress comfortably.

Thursday September 24th, 2026

9 - 10:00am

THE LIFE, TIMES & CHALLENGES OF ORGANICS RECYCLING IN ACTION

A Cross-Country Panel Discussion
Featuring Centralized Organics Recycling Facility Operators and Processors

10:00-10:30am

Break in Exhibit Area

11:00-11:30am - Noon: Concurrent Sessions

I. TURNING CITY SPACES INTO GROWING PLACES: THE NEW LEGENDS OF URBAN RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY-BUILDING

Our speakers include:

Kristi Peters, City of Calgary Urban Agriculture

Claude LeDoux, Plant-Grow-Share a Row New Westminster, British Columbia

Rene Michalak, ReThink Red Deer

Sharon Miller, Communities in Bloom Alberta

Rod Olson, Land of Dreams

Jeremy Zoller & Jay Fish, Highfield Regenerative Farm

II. ISSUES IMPACTING DEVELOPMENTS IN ORGANICS RECYCLING

**Biosolids-Derived Biochar Application for Agricultural Land
Biosolids Management Decision Making Framework for Seven Generations**

Sun Sundui, McGill University

The Hows and Whys of PFAS Testing in Compost

Rebecca Harvey, Woods End Laboratories

Preparing Your Compost for Market Through Laboratory Analytics

Kelly O'Connor, A&L Canada Laboratories

Noon to 1:30PM

Lunch in Exhibit Area

1:30-3:00PM: Concurrent Sessions

I. PURPOSE-BUILT MARKET APPLICATIONS FOR COMPOST

**A Commercially Viable Peat Composting Protocol
for Use in the Horticulture Industry**

Kaitlin Pengelley, University of Guelph

**Reclamation Opportunities Using Composted Materials and Humalite:
An Operational Perspective at Sheerness Mine**

Jasmine Redmond and Marissa Watson, WestMet

**A Review on Compost-Based Biostimulants:
Production, Functional Mechanisms and Current Challenges**

Aayushi Ramba, University of Alberta

II. TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

Banff's Zero Waste Trail

Shannon Ripley, Town of Banff

**Update on the Compost Quality & Certified Compostable Standards,
Including the Global Transition to Certified Compostable Produce Stickers**

Susan Antler, Compost Council of Canada; Regulatory and Industry Colleagues

THE SOILS AT WORK

Soil Carbon: The Backbone of Soil Health

Dr. Derek Mackenzie, University of Alberta

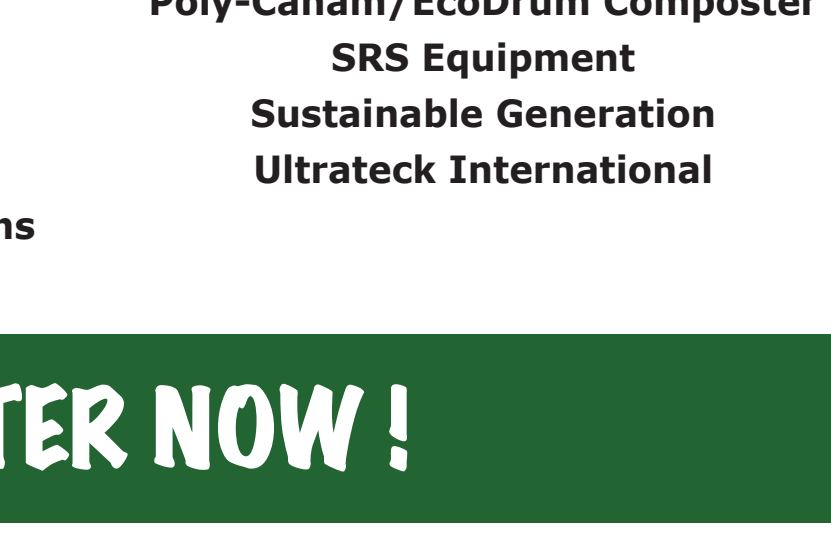
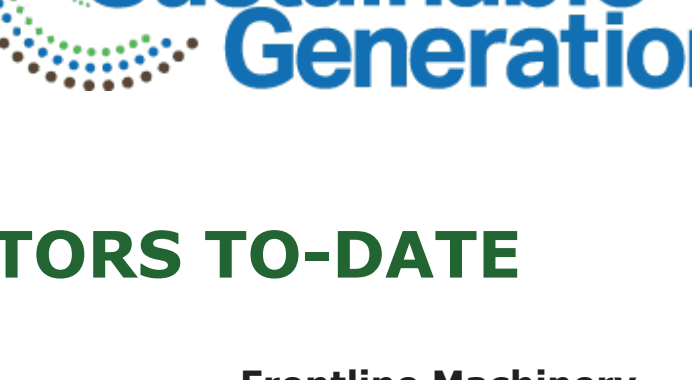
Compost Use: Why it's Suddenly in Conversations Across the United States

Linda Norris-Waltdt, US Composting Council

4:30pm

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