



JOIN US FOR THE
CONFERENCE ON ORGANICS RECYCLING

November 4 – 6, 2025
Ottawa Canada

**Celebrating 35 Years of Achievements
& Future-Forward Opportunities**

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Hosted by the Compost Council of Canada, this landmark conference brings together industry leaders, innovators and advocates to delve into the latest in:

- Organics recycling infrastructure and technology
- Policy directions and research breakthroughs
- Soil health and compost markets
- Residential and IC&I (Industrial, Commercial & Institutional) Sector Program Advances

Presentations • Tours • Networking • Exhibits

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION

9 – 10:15am

Iekwirahawi “Holly” McComber
Kahnawake MOHAWK TERRITORY
General Manager, Waste Management

The Honourable Robert Black, P. Ag. (Hon)
Senator for Ontario
Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
2024 Report:

Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada’s Economic, Environmental, Human, and Social Health

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:15 - 11am

CANADA RECYCLES ORGANICS

11am – 12:30pm

Feeding the Soil Compost & Digestate: An Update from the CFIA
Glenn Murray, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

Organics Recycling Across Canada: Statistics and Trends
Maxime Gaudet, Statistics Canada

Let’s Go to the Ex! CNE’s Waste Management Program in Action
Beau Felipe and Nathaniel Crouch, CNEA: Canadian National Exhibition Association

**Enabling Environmental AND Economic Sustainability
of Global Fresh Produce Supply Chains:**
Balancing Recyclable, Compostable & Reusable Fresh Produce Packaging Solutions
Dan Duguay, Canadian Produce Marketing Association

LUNCH !
12:30 – 2pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 2 – 3:30pm

I. ORGANICS RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES

**Using Advanced Technology and Engineering
to Convert Organic Waste into New Resources**
Chris Jones, Convertus Group

***Reducing Emissions Through Integration:
The Power of Hybrid Composting Strategies***
Aaron Oszczewski, Sustainable Generation

Composting Food Waste at Remote First Nations Communities
Betsy LaForce, Green Mountain Technologies

II. LEARNING THROUGH RESEARCH

Bioassay Development for Screening Persistent Herbicides in Compost

Daisy D'Angelo, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

Preventing the Spread of Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) through Composting : Effectiveness and Implications

Carly Lacy, Walker Environmental

Evaluation of Dehydrated Food Waste as a Soil Amendment and Substrate for Anaerobic Soil Disinfestation in Crop Systems

Michael F. Cohen, University of California – Agriculture and Natural Resources

PLENARY SESSION

4:15 – 5:30pm

IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR POTENTIAL

Current Situation Regarding Contamination of Organics by Film Plastic, Microplastics and PFAS:

Policy Options for Managing the Risks of these Contaminants

*Josée-Anne Majeau, Ministère de l'environnement,
de la lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la faune et des parcs*

Unlocking the Power in Growing Nutrient Dense Food using Synergies of Biochar-Wood Vinegar in Compost & Extract Teas

Owen Goltz, Riverdale Farm & Forest

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 9 - 10:30am

I. ORGANICS RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES SESSION II

Cost-Effectively Improving Compost Site Efficiency and Capturing Renewable Thermal Energy

Brian Jerosé, Agrilab Technologies Inc., Jenny Millson, Millson Forestry Services

Life Cycle Analysis and Costing of Biogas and Composting

Marsa Toloueishiviari, CH Four Biogas

Innovative Tools and Mobile Solutions for Organic Waste Treatment

Tjeerd van den Berg, Convertus Group

II. COMPOST & DIGESTATE: MAXIMIZING THEIR VALUE

Living Labs at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
Chris McPhee, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

From Cart to Crops to Consumer, Repeat
Colby Hansen, Hansen Beef

**Microplastic Fate in a Chronosequence of Biosolid-Amended Agricultural Soil
in Southern Ontario, Canada**
Harriet Walker, County of Peterborough

The Journey of Balancing Regulatory Compliance and Optimizing Process Control
George Longmuir, Freeland Scientific

REFRESHMENT BREAK
10:30 – 11:15am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 11:15am – 12:30pm

I. ORGANICS RECYCLING IN ACTION

The City of Ottawa's Organics Recycling Program for Multi-Residential Buildings
Rachael Jones and Angela Plant, City of Ottawa

Municipal Food Waste Composting in Saskatoon Winter
Orion Black-Brown, Green Mountain Technologies

**Beyond the Price Tag: Proven ASP Success in New Zealand
vs. the Costly Lessons of Christchurch**
Liv Johansson, ECS: Engineered Compost Systems

Planting Seeds: Educating Youth on Organics Recycling
Sally Pittaway and Laura Barrett, County of Simcoe

II. COMPOSTABLES AS VALUE-ADDED SOLUTIONS

Towards Our Common Cause of Returning Organic Matter Back to Our Soils
Dan Martens, Novamont North America

**Compostables in the Circular Economy:
BPI's Role in Supporting the Full Value Chain**
Leslie Rodgers, BPI

Challenges Facing Compostable Products on the Québec Market
Stephen McLeod, Compost Montreal/www.compostable.ca

LUNCH !
12:30 – 1:30pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 1:30 – 3pm

I. ORGANICS RECYCLING IN ACTION

**Two Decades of Turning Wastewater into Worth:
Scaling Up Biosolids Composting at TransAqua**

Velta Tomsons, TransAqua: Greater Moncton Wastewater Commission

Worms Go North: Overwintering Outdoor Vermicomposting

*Jason Stevens, Chisasibi Eeyou Resource and Research Institute (CERRI)
Cree Nation of Chisasibi*

Application of Foodilizer into a Variety of Organic Recycling Infrastructure

Matt Hoekstra, Food Cycle Science

Empowering the Next Generation to be Stewards for our Soils and Nutrient Cycles

Amanda Hunter, Worm Wrangler

II LEARNING THROUGH RESEARCH SESSION II

**Measuring Circularity Performance in Organic Recycling:
Applying ISO 59020 Framework to Composting and Compostable Products**

Mahdi Takaffoli, 5REDO

GHGs from Municipal Windrow Composting and Other Research Updates

Dennis Dankwa and Michael Boh, McGill University

FINAL PLENARY

3:30 – 5:00pm

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Organics Recycling: Science with Purpose to Sustain our World

Lambert Otten, Retired Professor, School of Engineering, University of Guelph

ORGANICS RECYCLING FACILITY OPERATOR PANEL SESSION

The first 35 years of our industry: Learning and shaping a sustainable future

A panel of multi-decade experiences in organics recycling and market development to discuss “tried and true” and the latest directions in capturing the full potential for organics recycling success and viability

REGISTER NOW !

AND! An Extra-Special Day of AMAZING Tours on Tuesday, November 4th!

Our buses leave @ 8:30am from the ground level of our host hotel, The Ottawa Marriott. Comfortable clothing is the attire of the day (and throughout our conference). Please bring your safety shoes, vests and glasses as well as hard hat.

We will be touring:

Convertus Ottawa

Located in Ottawa, the facility has been processing the City's green bin waste since its establishment in 2010. With a processing capacity of up to 150,000 tonnes per year, the site converts household organics into NASM, agricultural fertilizer, and clean bedding materials, diverting waste from landfill and contributing to a more circular economy.

The facility uses in-vessel composting technology designed for year-round operation, even during harsh Canadian winters. Thanks to a multi-stage odour abatement system, which includes ammonia scrubbers, humidifiers and biofilters, odour complaints have been minimal since the site opened.

The Ottawa team is known for its dedication and creativity, with active membership in organizations like the Compost Council of Canada and Waste to Resource Ontario. Their operational communication practices set the standard across the Convertus group, ensuring effective collaboration and transparent reporting.

PLUS !

A Soon-to-be-Announced Visit to an Anaerobic Digestion Facility

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An in-depth, one-of-a-kind, not-to-be-missed visit to **Canada's Central Experimental Farm**.

Additional tour details to be announced shortly. This day is going to be a WOW! Please plan to attend.

REGISTER HERE !