

Georgia Composting Council Member Newsletter

December 2025

GCC/Georgia News

Mark Your Calendar for Compost Operations Training Course in Georgia!

Don't miss this amazing opportunity! The Compost Operations Training Course (COTC), a 5-day course offered by the Compost Research & Education Foundation (CREF), gives you comprehensive knowledge on successful compost facility operations, whether you're just getting started or have years of experience. From facility managers and equipment vendors to environmental consultants and local or state regulators, the COTC is for anyone who wants quality instruction on the art and science of commercial-scale compost production and marketing.

Georgia Composting Council will partner with CREF and the UGA Center for Urban Ag in bringing this vital training to Georgia on March 16-20, 2026 at the Center for Urban Agriculture in Griffin, GA. [Learn more and register.](#)

Spelman Composts!

Spelman College has released new data outlining the environmental impact of its campus composting initiative. The college's program has diverted 301,649 pounds of food waste since early 2020. The diversion prevented an estimated 784,288 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, similar to the effects of driving 880,5062 miles, and avoided more than 31,000 pounds of methane emissions typically produced when food decomposes in landfills. [Learn more](#) about their program.



Climate Resilient ATL Indicates Composting Support

GCC's Anisha Johnson and Dilshad Mondegarian were pleased to participate in the Climate Resilient ATL Wrap-Up Meeting held earlier this fall at Atlanta City Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with more than 100 attendees from the public, as well as representatives from the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office. As part of Atlanta's commitment to

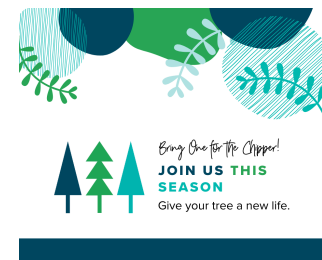
achieving 100% clean energy by 2035, the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Resilience is developing the City's first Climate Resilience Action Plan entitled Climate Resilient ATL. This plan will serve as a blueprint for strengthening the City's ability to prepare for, respond to, and adapt to the

unique impacts of climate change in Atlanta. The Action Plan is being developed using a Climate Resilience Framework informed by 18 months of community input, research, and planning, in collaboration with the Climate Resilience Advisory Board.

GCC is excited to see that among the many community-identified actions proposed for inclusion in the plan, one focused specifically on the need for “composting programs and public education on composting” under the Urban Agriculture and Food Systems category, an action that was prioritized by more than 21 participants at the event for further consideration. GCC hopes to see this community identified action included as the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability and Resilience refines the top 5-7 priority actions for inclusion in the final Atlanta Climate Resilience Action Plan. If you’re interested in getting involved, please visit [CLEAN ENERGY ATLANTA](#) to learn more and share your input!

Bring One for Chipper

Bring One for the Chipper, sponsored by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, is scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2026. [Learn more](#) about the event and find a participating location.



Reminder to Renew Your Membership

Notices and invoices are being emailed monthly to members based on the month they joined a year prior. So please get your renewal done to extend your membership another year. We’re making great momentum with your generous support and welcome your input as we continue providing resources, programs, events and projects for our members. If you have questions, reach out to Gloria at garecycles@mindspring.com.

Chapter Credits for USCC Membership Referrals

A screenshot of a web form for referrals. It has a 'Referred by' field, a 'Name' field, and a dropdown menu labeled 'Chapter' which currently shows 'Chapter'. Below these fields are 'SUBMIT' and 'CANCEL' buttons. To the right of the dropdown, there is a small text label 'Members to designate a referer' and a list with 'Member' and 'No one'.

The USCC pays 20% (double) the rebate for new members who join USCC because they heard about USCC from our members! When you refer people to join USCC, please ask that they check **REFERRED BY CHAPTER** in their application to support the GCC and increase our rebate!

GCC Committee Positions Open

The Georgia Composting Council is seeking members to volunteer for a committee; here’s your chance to dig in and be involved in shaping the programs, projects, outreach and advocacy work being done to fulfill our mission in Georgia. [Learn more](#) about the committees and let us know which committee is for you! Email us @ garecycles@mindspring.com



USCC Annual Conference

COMPOST2026 will be held on February 2-5, 2026 in Sacramento, California. It is USCC's Annual Conference and Trade Show and the premiere professional meeting for composting, organics recycling, and related topics. [Learn more and register today!](#)

"Make it Home for the Holidays: Compost Facility Safety" Webinar

With so many competing priorities at a compost facility, safety isn't always the first thing that comes to mind. Yet, maintaining a safe operation to protect yourself and your team must remain a constant commitment. In this webinar, you'll hear from peers about their safety practices and walk away with practical steps you can use at your site. Let's learn from each other and make sure we all make it home for the holidays.



This webinar will take place on Friday, December 19, and is free for USCC members. [Register now.](#)

USCC Advocacy Update

[Learn more](#) about USCC's recent advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local level.

Hidden Heroes - Plastics/Composting Video

Watch this video! Great insight into how composting addresses waste issues and provides solutions reaping environmental and economic benefits.



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Calendar of Events

February 2-5, 2026
USCC Conference Sacramento, CA

March 16-20, 2026
GA Compost Operations Training Course
Griffin, GA

May 3-9, 2026
ICAW 2026

May 7-8, 2026
Spring Training: Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us

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