# Fall Into Composting!

**A 3-day composting event in partnership with the Georgia Composting Council, UGA's Center for Urban Agriculture, and the Georgia Recycling Coalition**

**Dates:** November 12th-13th, 2026 with optional facility tour on November 11th

**Location:** UGA Griffin Campus

**November 11:**

2:00 PM - Macon Composting Facility – Complete Resource Management

**November 12:**

10:00 AM – Welcome and GCC Annual Meeting

11:30 AM- Presentation: Composting Policy and Ordinances – Abbie Sawyer, ACC Solid Waste Department

12:00 PM – Lunch and Networking

1:00 PM – GRC Panel: Maximizing the Value of Food Systems: Feeding People and Soil

- Lauren Towe, Concrete Jungle; Jules O'Connell, UGA Campus Kitchen; and April McCoy, UGArden
    - Mason Towe, moderator

2:00 PM – Presentation: Compost Utilization Beyond the Ag Market, Brody King, ERTH Products

2:30 PM – Snack Break

2:45 PM – Panel: What do end-users want/need/expect from composters?

- Brody King, ERTH Products; John Doyle or Grace Morgan, Waste Eliminator; Kendric J Holder, USDA; and Philip Brown, USDA
    - Suki Janssen, moderator

4:00 – 6:00 PM – Service Project – Book Reuse/Recycling

6:30 PM Networking Event in Griffin - Piedmont Brewery

**November 13:**

8:00 AM - Welcome and Updates - GCC Member

8:30 AM – Food Service and Composting, India Barfield, UGA Office of Sustainability, Waste Reduction Coordinator

9:10 AM - Soil Basics & Fertility: Dr. Jay Lessl, UGA Soils and Water Lab

10:00 AM - Compost in Action:  Improving Soil Health for Resilient Landscapes - Dr. Heather Kirk-Ballard with UGA Horticulture is the Sustainable Landscape Specialist

10:40 AM - Building Soil, Building Community: The Master Composter Program - Dr. Bethany Harris with Center for Urban Agriculture

12:00 Wrap-up/Dismiss