

Roundtable/Focus Groups To Develop Florida Organics Recycling Training and Education

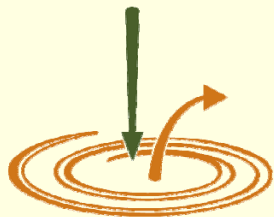
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Food Recycling and Composting Workshop

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Envisioning Florida Organics in 2020

- Kessler Consulting, Inc. led an informal group session with the purpose to gather feedback from stakeholders regarding the type of training and educational materials needed for organics recycling in Florida.
- Attendees were invited to state where they envisioned organics recycling in 2020 if they were to write the headlines.



Training in Florida

Participants were asked to answer the who, what, where, when, how and why of setting up a Florida training program for compost operators relative to the revised compost rules, 62-709.



Compost Training Course

- Florida-specific training program for compost facility operators (public, private, farmers, grocers) in accordance with newly revised regulations
- Three locations: Panhandle, central, & south Florida
- Major topics:
 - definitions
 - composition
 - regulations
 - economics
 - site design
 - feedstock characteristics and selection
 - pre-processing
 - active composting
 - post-processing
 - monitoring and testing
 - odor control
 - diagnosis and solutions for optimal composting
 - compost marketing
 - community relations



Education in Florida

Participants were asked the who, what, when, where, how and why for educational material development to support compost outreach and resources in Florida.



Education

- FORCE further promotes organics recycling in Florida by creating and distributing new outreach and educational materials
- Distribution of periodic e-newsletter, ***FORCEmatters***, to membership (also available on website)
- Participation in 2-3 conference and workshops each year
- Design and produce educational material.



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