



Call for Presentations, Workshops, and Tours

COMPOST... Nature's Climate Champion!

**18th Annual Vermont Organics Recycling Summit
April 29-May 3, 2024**

Submission Deadline: Friday, January 12th, 2024

The 2024 Vermont Organics Recycling Summit (VORS) will be held from April 29th through May 3rd. As a kick-off event for [International Compost Awareness Week](#) (May 5th-11th), the VORS 2024 theme is **Compost...Nature's Climate Champion!**

Are you passionate about the role of compost in climate change adaptation and sustainability? VORS 2024 will highlight the many roles of composting and compost use in climate change adaptation through sequestering carbon in the soil, enhancing soil health, promoting sustainable agriculture practices, promoting water conservation, reducing reliance on synthetic fertilizers, and nurturing biodiversity. Local management of food scraps and organic resources empowers communities to take action and build resilience in the face of climate challenges.

All proposals related to these themes and organics management, composting, and compost use, in general, are welcome. See the table below for suggested topics. More than one proposal may be submitted [online](#) or by email to Natasha@CompostingVermont.org.

New in 2024: As part of our week-long event, we are bringing back a full day of in-person events!¹ Monday's program will include a hybrid plenary in the morning followed by lunch and in-person-only discussions, workshops and demonstrations; the day will conclude with a social networking event. Tuesday through Friday will be primarily virtual, with the possibility of some additional in-person afternoon events.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

Compost as a Climate Adaptation Strategy	Organics-related Regenerative Ag Practices
Compost Production & Management	Outreach & Education Strategies
Food Rescue: Strategies & Stories	Feedstocks: Supply, Quality Control, etc.
Erosion Prevention & Nutrient Management	Compost Technologies & Systems
Policy Related to Organics Recycling	Compost Quality & Market Development
Waste Reduction	Commercial & Residential Collection
Source Separation Success Stories	Research & Case Studies
Onsite & Community Composting	Animal Feeding/Grazing: Safety & Benefits
Compost Product End Uses	Energy Recovery, Anaerobic Digestion

¹ In-person events will be compliant with State and CDC COVID-19 guidelines at that time.

Please fill out [this google form](#) or submit a proposal containing the following information by email to Natasha@CompostingVermont.org:

- 1) Proposed Title of Presentation
- 2) Speaker(s) Name, Affiliation, Address, Email, and Phone Number
- 3) 3-4 sentence biography of speaker(s) / facilitator(s)
- 4) Proposal type:
 - 10-20 minutes (panelist)
 - 60-minute session, workshop, demonstration
 - 90-minute session, workshop, demonstration
 - Other:
- 5) Is your proposal for Virtual In-person No preference
- 6) 5 sentences describing the presentation, workshop, demonstration, or other
- 7) If available, please include a sample PowerPoint of presentation
- 8) Preference, if any, for a specific day of week, or morning or afternoon time slot
- 9) If applicable, are you willing to have the session recording and a pdf of your presentation posted after the Summit?
- 10) Additional information

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Vermont Organics Recycling Summit.

**Presentations that primarily promote for-profit technologies or services are discouraged.*

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