

## Organics Management in Action in Small & Tribal Communities— Opportunities and Case Studies

### A Free National Webinar in Two Parts

*Designed for local officials & Tribal leaders, public works and solid waste staff, environmental commission members, haulers, schools, commercial food scrap generators, and others interested in advancing organics management & composting.*



#### Topics to be addressed:

- Program examples
- Costs and Funding
- Outreach and Education
- Results and Impacts
- Lessons Learned
- Equipment, Containers, and Collection

#### **Part 1: May 1 at 1:00 pm**

#### **Focus on Food Scraps, Yard Waste, and Disaster Debris Management**

To register for Part 1: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/918402628654956802>

Presenters on the webinar:

#### **Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, Massachusetts—Food Scrap Composting**

Jan Ameen, FCSWMD Executive Director

The [Franklin County Solid Waste District](#) manages four municipal organics drop-off programs at transfer stations for collection of food scraps and soiled paper. The District also provides support for the commercial collection of food scraps and soiled paper from restaurants in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts and provides technical assistance for organics composting at schools and special events.

#### **Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District—Regional Composting System**

Steve Christman, Executive Director, NISWMD

The [Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District \(NISWMD\)](#) is comprised of four predominantly rural counties. Through a system of five staffed drop-off centers, the District provides a comprehensive approach for managing and processing yard trimmings and brush, bringing economies of scale to benefit its member counties and residents. The finished compost is screened to create a high demand compost product.

#### **Northwood, North Dakota—Management of Organics in Disaster Debris**

Steve Tillotson, Assistant Director for the Division of Waste Management, North Dakota Department of Health [Northwood](#), North Dakota was struck by a tornado (rated EF4) on August 26, 2007 causing extensive destruction throughout the town and killing one person. Based upon the experiences of Northwood and other communities hit by disasters in North Dakota, the State Department of Health, Division of Waste Management developed a number of guidelines to assist communities in the disaster recovery process.

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**Part Two: May 15 at 1:00 pm**

**Reducing Food Scraps at Home and Management of Organics in Small and Tribal Communities**

To register for Part 2: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4336450027875823617>

Presenters on the webinar:

**US EPA Food Too Good To Waste**

Christine Beling, Project Engineer, Assistance and Pollution Prevention Unit, US EPA

EPA's [Food Too Good to Waste](#) was started as a way to assist households in reducing food waste. The "Toolkit to Reduce Household Food Waste" can be customized and used by any interested local government, Tribal entity, or community group. The toolkit demonstrates how to reduce wasteful household food consumption by focusing on social marketing incentives and messages directed at individuals within targeted communities.

**Organic Materials Best Management Practices for Rural & Small Communities: Case Study Highlights**

Athena Lee Bradley, Projects Manager, Northeast Recycling Council

Rural and small communities around the country are implementing organics reduction, recovery, and composting programs. The presentation will highlight case study—"Who's Doing it?"—examples to describe: reducing organics discards; food recovery; backyard and neighborhood composting; commercial organics recycling; organics/food scrap collection options; composting options.

**Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux, Organics Recycling Facility**

Michael B. Whitt, Environmental Compliance Manager, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community launched its [Organics Recycling Facility](#) in 2011. The facility accepts all organic materials including, brush, food scraps, manure, and paper waste. The operation has a 100,000 ton capacity and composted 46,000 tons source separated organics in 2013. Its proximity to the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area has proven to be a positive business investment for the Tribe which charges tip fees for disposal and produces a range of compost and compost blends for retail and wholesale.

*For more information on the Webinars or on NERC's organics management project, contact [Athena Lee Bradley](#) ([athena@nerc.org](mailto:athena@nerc.org); 802-254-3636). NERC's Organics Management Project is funded through a USDA grant.*

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