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CWMI Update – March 2014

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/updates.htm>

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Educational Events – upcoming

- **April 3, 2014** – 2:00-3:30 EST – Webinar sponsored by USEPA. Compost from Food Waste: Understanding Soil Chemistry and Soil Biology on a College University Campus. Limited enrollment. For more information: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/compostingwebinar04-3-14.pdf>
- **April 7-10, 2014** – BioCycle Conference, San Diego, CA. <http://www.biocycle.net/>
- **April 17 and 18, 2014** – Southeastern NY Compost Workshop and Facility Tour. Space is limited so please register by April 14. Registration and information: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/SENYworkshop.pdf>
- **May 18-21, 2014** – “Strive for Sustainability” Federation of New York Solid Waste Associations Conference & Trade Show. Lake George, NY. <http://www.nyfederation.org/>
- **July 28-August 1, 2014** – US Composting Council Compost Operations Training Course, Ithaca, NY. <http://www.cvent.com/d/n4qp0c>. Limited enrollment. Register by July 7th for discounted price.
- **November 5-7, 2014** – 25th Annual NYS Recycling Conference & Trade Show, Cooperstown, NY. <http://www.nysar3.org/index.php>

CWMI’s New Recycling Agricultural Plastics Project (RAPP)

In mid-Fall 2013 RAPP received a two-year contract with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and successfully transitioned administration of the NYS agricultural plastics recycling program to the CWMI. Jean Bonhotal, CWMI Director, is now the Principal Investigator (PI) on RAPP’s contract with NYS DEC and is assisting with program direction. Nate Leonard remains RAPP’s State Field Coordinator and thus the key contact for on-the-ground program activities. Ed James is a part time field technician located in Wyoming County Cooperative Extension. Lauri Wellin from the CWMI staff will be handling NYS RAPP administrative coordination and Mary Schwarz will be involved with outreach and baler operations in Central NY. Lois Levitan will primarily be focusing on developing markets, program resources, and strategy. (*See staff contacts below.)

Recent Publications

- Managing Animal Mortalities Curriculum Materials. Authored by Joshua Payne, Jean Bonhotal and Shafiqur Rahman, published online: <http://www.extension.org/pages/68315/>.
- Advancing Organic Materials Management in Puerto Rico. Fernandez, R., Arache, A., Alsina, J., Bonhotal, J., Arroyo-Rodriguez, A., Pacheco, C. 2013. BioCycle, 54(8):40-41.

NYS Compost Facilities Map

We are continually updating our compost facilities map and if you are an owner/operator of a compost or demonstration facility, would you please fill out a short survey. Thank you for helping us keep our widely-used map current!

- Survey link: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/updatecompostmap.htm>
- Map link: <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/maps.html>

Join NYSAR3 and become a member of its Organics Council

The New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3), now has an active Organics Recycling Council with 40 members and growing. This active group has recently formed four committees to move organics reduction, reuse and recycling forward. The committees are 1) Education and Events, 2) End Products, 3) Infrastructure and 4) Legislative Initiatives. To become an Organics Council member, join NYSAR3 (<http://www.nysar3.org>) and indicate your interest in the Organics Council at the bottom of the registration form.

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