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Educational Events-upcoming

- **23rd Annual Recycling Conference and Trade Show, Cooperstown, NY** – November 13-15, 2012. **November 13th is the Organics Council's Training Session.**
http://www.nysar3.org/images/attachments/attendee_registration_form_final_2012
- **US Composting Council's 21st Annual Conference and Trade Show, Orlando, FL** – January 28-31, 2013. <http://compostingcouncil.org/conference/>

Educational Materials

- **Compost Sampling for Nutrient and Quality Parameters: Variability of Sampler, Timing and Pile Depth.** Compost Science & Utilization, (2012), Vol. 20, No. 3, 141-149.
- **"What Lies Beneath"** is an interview conducted by the HuffPost Live with Hannah Shayler (CWMI) and others discussing how people can address concerns about soil contamination to confidently grow their own vegetables, raise chickens, and reap the many other benefits of urban gardening and urban agriculture. Watch the 30-minute interview:
<http://live.huffingtonpost.com/r/segment/5073054b2b8c2a504200028b>
- **Solid Waste Education website developed for a "Train-the-Trainer" workshop held in Puerto Rico.** Included are readings and curriculum in both English and Spanish.
<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/solidwastecurriculum.htm>
- **Proceedings from the "4th International Symposium Managing Animal Mortalities, Products, By-Products & Associated Health Risks: Connecting Research, Regulations & Response"** -
<http://umaine.edu/byproducts-symposium/2012-proceedings/>
- **Food Industry Waste Survey in a 9 County Finger Lakes Region of NY – Please participate.** The Golisano Institute for Sustainability and the NY State Pollution Prevention Institute, both at the Rochester Institute of Technology, are conducting research to characterize wastes from the food industry in the Finger Lakes Region of NY State, all the way from farm production to delivery to consumers ("Farm-to-Fork"). The purpose of this study is to develop an understanding of the types and quantities of organic wastes generated. This includes not just what is disposed, but also what may be reused, donated, composted, etc. - in other words, all the organic waste that is produced, regardless of where it ends up.

If you are involved in any part of the food industry (i.e. production, distribution, manufacturing, wholesale and/or retail sales) and are located in one of the nine Finger Lakes Food Processing Cluster Initiative (FLFPCI) counties (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca,



Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates), please help out by filling out their survey located at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RITFoodWasteResearch>. Information about the FLFPCI can be found at: <http://www.rit.edu/gis/flfpci/>.

For additional information about the study contact Rajiv Ramchandra (rxrasp@rit.edu; 585-475-4146) or Tom Trabold (tatasp@rit.edu; 585-475-4696).