

ANIMAL MORTALITY COMPOSTING DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR NOV 6th IN ERIE COUNTY
Join us as we demonstrate the proper ways to operate your animal mortality compost pile on-farm.
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SOUTHWEST, NEW YORK (October 23rd, 2025) – Cornell Cooperative Extension is partnering with the Cornell Waste Management Institute, Western NY Crop Management, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Pro-Dairy to bring an interactive learning tour of an on-farm mortality composting demonstration to farmers and farm service providers. The event is designed to bring practical tips on how to build and maintain a mortality composting site as well as keying folks into local and state regulations. The topics we will be covering include:

- Properly siting and designing a pad
- Selecting the proper materials to construct a bioactive pile
- How to properly add livestock to a pile
- Evaluating pile success
- Identifying common pitfalls to proper composting
- Sharing what financial and technical opportunities are available to help construct and maintain a pile on your farm.

The event will take place at Phillips Family Farm, Inc. in North Collins, NY from 10am – 12pm on Thursday, November 6, 2025. The event is free, and registration is required. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/AnimalComposting2025> or by contacting Kelly Torrey at 585-268-7644 ext 10.

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Animal Mortality Composting Demo at Phillips Family Farm Inc., North Collins, NY



Thursday, November 6, 2025
10am – 12pm

Join us as we demonstrate the proper ways to run your animal mortality compost pile. We will share how to:

- Properly site and design a pad
- Select materials to construct a bioactive pile
- Add livestock to the pile
- Evaluate pile success
- Identify common pitfalls to proper composting
- Available opportunities to get assistance with pile design and construction



Register
now!



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For questions or to register over the phone/email, reach out to Kelly Torrey
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