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CWMI Update – January 2015

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

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Educational events

- January 20-23, 2015 – US Composting Council’s 23rd Annual Conference & Trade Show “Organics on the Rise”, Austin, TX. <http://compostingcouncil.org/conference-program/>
- January 27-29, 2015 – Mid-Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Convention, Hershey, PA. <http://www.mafvc.org/>
- March 5, 2015 – NYS Summit on Organics Management, Poughkeepsie, NY. <http://www.nysar3.org/page/nys-summit-on-organics-management-100.html>
- March 30-April 3, 2015 – Waste to Worth, Seattle, WA. <https://etouches.com/ehome/85805>
- April 13-16, 2015 – BioCycle West Coast Conference, Portland, OR. <http://www.biocyclewestcoast.com/>
- August 19-21, 2015 – Agricultural Plastics Recycling Conference & Trade Show, San Diego, CA. **Abstracts due March 31st**, <http://agplasticconference.com/agenda>
- September 28-October 1, 2015 – 5th International Symposium Managing Animal Mortalities, Products, Byproducts & Associated Health Risks: Connecting Research, Regulations & Responses, Lancaster, PA. <http://animalmortmgmt.org> (website won’t be live until January 16)

New RAPP website – <http://www.recycleagplastics.css.cals.cornell.edu/>.

The Recycling Agricultural Plastics Program, funded by NYSDEC, is charged in developing sustainable means for New York State farmers to manage their used agricultural plastics by recycling, reusing, and otherwise minimizing waste from plastics in agriculture.

New Project for CWMI

“Improving Turf and Soil Health, Reducing Energy Use and Assessing Tick Population by Mulching Leave in Place.” Gaining better understanding of how leaf mulching will affect soil and turf quality and insect populations will allow homeowners and landscapers to make better leaf management decisions. Mulching leaves in place may help to decrease community labor and collection costs, lower carbon footprint with decreased fuel use, improve soil health and water infiltration, decrease runoff and reduce irrigation needs, increasing community sustainability. The project team will assess the potential effects of this practice on soil and turf quality, soil nutrient supply for spring regrowth, monitor effects on tick and other insect pest populations and quantify the change in carbon footprint, while educating the public about the importance of healthy soils and climate change mitigation.

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