



**US** Composting  
Council

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Tradeshow  
*The Soil and Water Connection*  
Renaissance Hotel, Austin, TX  
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## **Why You Should Attend the USCC's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Tradeshow**

**The USCC's Annual Conference & Exhibition is the Composting and Organics Recycling industry's premier event in the World**, providing industry professionals with educational, networking, and career advancement opportunities.

**The Conference Program and suite of Workshops and Training Courses offer the most comprehensive educational and technical program available.** There are 8 workshops, a tour of 3 area facilities, and speakers on a broad range of industry topics, from core topics for novice composters to advanced presentations for veteran composters and organics professionals. Four concurrent tracks allow conference attendees to choose from a wide variety of educational & technical presentations. The Conference Program includes more than 60 presentations by nationally & internationally renowned speakers.

**The USCC Conference hosts the largest trade show in the World for the composting, wood waste & organics recycling industry.** Nowhere else will you have the opportunity to interact with more than 100 equipment manufacturers, product suppliers, service providers and suppliers of compost, anaerobic digestion, and other treatment systems and technologies. There is no better place to learn about new ideas, new products & services to make your job more efficient and more profitable.

**Determine all of your current and future equipment solutions in one day! The USCC Conference hosts the largest "Live" Equipment Demonstrations in the U.S.** Come and see compost screening, grinding/shredding equipment, turning, mulch colorizing, bagging, compost application, erosion control, rolling stock and mixing & blending equipment. For conference attendees who have immediate or future equipment needs, this is a unique opportunity to observe some of the best and newest equipment in operation in one place at one time. **BONUS!** The Equipment demos will take place at Texas Disposal Systems, which includes an **Exotic Game Park**, featuring giraffes, rhinos, and 1500 other animals from around the globe!

**Learn about the "Soil and Water Connection".** A full track examines the role of compost in sustainable site design, stormwater management, drought impacts, and other aspects of the key role compost and organic matter plays in pollution prevention and ecosystem service enhancement.

**Take part in the Second Compostable Plastics Symposium.** Last year stakeholders from across the "value chain" of compostable plastics gathered to examine the issues and opportunities with these emerging materials. Out of that the USCC launched the Compostable Plastics Task Force, with working groups focused

on Labeling and Identification, Operational Impacts, Consumer Education, Compostability Standards, and Legislation and Enforcement. Get updates and join in on Thursday, Jan 19.

**Hear about composting around the world.** There will be speakers from Europe, Africa and Asia, including a spotlight on Nigeria. You will be amazed to hear all the work on composting going on there!

**Texas is a HUGE market for composting equipment, products, and services.** Texas is home to a large number of commercial and municipal compost facilities, so attendance from area composting and mulching operations will be high.

**Learn about Austin's Zero Waste Plan.** Zero Waste is an ambitious goal to divert 90% of waste from landfills and incinerators by 2040 using a "whole system" approach to evaluate and manage the flow of resources and wastes created by our communities. Zero Waste encourages communities to RETHINK their waste streams, REDUCE their use of materials as much as possible, and then REUSE and RECYCLE the remaining materials.

**Visit Austin!** Austin is ranked among top cities for safety, airport satisfaction, high-tech facilities and nightlife. As Texas' capital city and the Live Music Capital of the World<sup>®</sup>, Austin offers a cosmopolitan downtown and nearly 200 live music venues where day or night, weekday or weekend, you can always find something playing. Visitors discover urban hiking trails, legendary barbecue and farm-to-table cuisine, and rich Texas history. When you're in Austin, we invite you to dig in because whatever your palate is craving, we have it. The best barbeque. The coldest margaritas. Life-altering queso. 24-hour dives. Fare for foodies to write home about. From fine dining to fusion cuisine to comfort food and delectable desserts, you'll want to save room for it all. Leave some room for one-of-a-kind shopping finds because Austin has an eclectic array of shops and boutiques. Head to South Congress, or SoCo, for unique and vintage treasures from apparel to jewelry, artwork and more. For 700,000 square feet of designer shops, try Austin's newest shopping destination, the Domain. Enjoy Austin and check out all the places to get a bite, do some shopping, and find out what really makes Austin weird. The USCC will provide free shuttles to the Sixth Street Music and Dining district on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Obtain Continuing Professional Education credit & CEU's** from TCEQ, SWANA and ASLA for attending the U.S. Composting Council's 20th Annual Conference & Tradeshow

**The Conference is being held at the Renaissance Hotel**, 9721 Arboretum Blvd, Austin TX 78759, USA. Call 1-800-468-3571 and ask for the USCC conference rate of \$124/night before the room block is sold out. This is a great rate for an excellent hotel. Room block will be released December 31, so reserve your room now!