

Forming a DC Metro State Chapter

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What is the USCC?

- A 501(c)(6) business league dedicated to the development, expansion and promotion of the composting & organics recycling industry based upon sound science, principals of sustainability and economic viability
- USCC achieves this mission by:
 - supporting and performing research
 - promoting best management practices
 - establishing standards
 - educating professionals and the public
 - enhancing product quality
 - developing markets for compost products



USCC Background

- Formed in 1990; to be relocated to DC area in April 2012
- Only national, non-profit organization dedicated to composting & organics recycling industry in the U.S.
- Broad based membership, e.g., composters, organic recyclers, consultants, regulators, equip. manufacturers & product suppliers, system suppliers, labs, state and other affiliated associations, academic/research
- Commitment to science based principles
- The USCC also directs the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF), a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation which administers public and private research and education activities



USCC Programs & Initiatives

- Test Methods for the Examination of Composting & Compost (TMECC)
- Compost Analysis Proficiency Program (CAP)
- Seal of Testing Assurance Program (STA)
- Training and Certification Programs
- Promotion of compost use by State DOT's
- Consumer Compost Use Logo Program and "Strive For Five" Program
- Initiatives with the American Association of Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO)
- International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW)
- State Affiliate & Chapter System
- Industry Representation
 - Position Statements on issues (NOP, Clopyralid, Bioreactor Landfills, Climate Bill ...)
 - Industry promotion and market development (BioPreferred, Golf Show, ASLA, Green Roofs ...)
- Affiliations & Partnerships, Outreach and Technology Transfer
 - National & International
- Annual Conference
 - Education and networking at the Largest Conference and Exhibiton in North America for the Composting, Wood Waste, and Organics Recycling industry



Membership Levels	Annual Dues	Description
Benefactor	\$10,000	Support of the composting industry at the highest level
Corporate Sustaining	\$5,000	Support of the composting industry at a higher level
Corporate	\$2,500	Companies with an annual gross income of \$5 million or more
Large Business	\$1,000	Companies with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more
Large Government	\$500	Government agencies that represent populations of 1 million or more
Medium Business	\$500	Companies with an annual gross income of \$1 million to \$2.5 million
Non-Profits	\$250	Non-profit organizations with a 501 (c) status
University	\$250	Academic institution or unit thereof (colleges, departments)
Government	\$250	Government agencies that represent populations up to 1 million
Small Business	\$250	Companies with an annual gross income less than \$1 million
Farm Composter	\$200	Farmers that use their residuals to produce compost for their own use
Individual	\$100	Individuals engaged in the composting or related industries
Students	\$25	Students accepted with written proof
Friend of Composting	\$25	Gardeners, home composters, and others who wish to support composting and compost use.

USCC Membership Categories



State Affiliate & Chapter System

Partnering with the USCC

- In addition to individual company and organizational membership in the USCC, an Affiliate and Chapter system has been developed.
- State or Regional Committee of the USCC
 - Groups lacking a state based legal entity
 - Virginia Composting Council (founded in 2011)
- State or Regional Chapter of the USCC
 - Groups with or intending to obtain 501(c) 3 status
 - NC Composting Council (2008), CA Association of Compost Producers (2010)
- Goal is to establish long term relationships between the USCC and state organics, composting, and other associations



State Affiliate Structure

- Current USCC members who live or work in state are automatically affiliate members at no additional cost
 - Non-USCC members can join affiliate if desired
- Committees organize to form 501(c)(3), petition Board for elevation to chapter status
- Once elevated to chapter, 10% of all chapter member dues returned to chapter for local program support



State Affiliate Responsibilities

- Develop network of composters and associated interested persons
- Encourage membership in USCC
- Promote all USCC programs in State
 - Int'l. Compost Awareness Week
 - Strive for Five & Consumer Compost Use Program
 - Compost Operator Training Course
 - Annual Conference & Trade Show



Questions?

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