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For more information about CAV, call Lucinda Newman, Program Director at 802-223-1903 or email ldn@pshift.com.

*Please send membership application
with appropriate fee to:*

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*Recycle Wastes &
Restore Soils for Healthy
Plants, People & Places*

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*A non-profit organization working to
promote the economically viable and
ecologically necessary production and use
of compost in Vermont*

CAV

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OUR MISSION

The Composting Association of Vermont (CAV) promotes composting as an integral link between sustainable agriculture, soils, communities and economies. We advocate compost's positive impact on building soil and plant health, conserving water, reducing erosion, lessening landfill burden, and decreasing dependency on chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

OUR GOALS

*The purpose of CAV is to facilitate the
responsible production and use of compost
in Vermont by promoting the following:*

1. Educate the public about the benefits of composting and using compost in place of chemical fertilizers on farms, gardens and lawns
2. Create cooperative relationships between generators of compostable materials; producers, consumers and marketers of compost; educators and researchers; suppliers to the composting industry; legislative groups; regulatory agencies; and environmental groups
3. Promote composting as a vital component of sustainable agricultural operations

4. Encourage the building of organic matter in the gardening, turf and landscaping sectors
5. Work with regulators and legislators to develop standards for quality compost production
6. Promote market expansion and increased demand for high-quality compost products

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Keep current on composting information and trends.
- Influence new standards and legislation.
- Maintain connections with other composters in the state.
- Receive discount on admission to CAV workshops.
- Share information and resources with other local composters.
- Help leverage the development of an expanded local market for compost.
- Receive the CAV newsletter, *The Turning Times*.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- ◆ **Promoting Education:**
The CAV website, informational materials, and in-school projects teach “how to” compost and the value of composting and compost use. We aim to increase both adult’s and children’s understanding of compost as it relates to biosecurity, landfill issues, and reduction of chemical fertilizers. We offer seminars to increase expertise in various forms of composting and free technical advice at meetings and between members.
- ◆ **Marketing Compost:**
CAV promotes Vermont-made compost at trade shows, seminars, and through its website. CAV supports the marketing of Vermont-made compost at the local level and also supports the marketing of companies that compete in regional retail markets.
- ◆ **Advancing Legislation:**
Currently, policy barriers to the commercial use of compost exist in Vermont due to a general lack of understanding of the practice and the sector. Promoting the importance of compost in the Vermont legislature is necessary to develop composting endeavors to their full potential.

- ◆ **Exploring Availability of Raw Materials:**
Assessing possible sources such as liquid and solid wastes from food processors is important to the expansion of any composting operation. Increased cooperation can help cut the percentage of food wastes going to the landfill and lower production costs.
- ◆ **Increasing Generator and Hauler Participation:** Finding attractive incentives encourages generators to separate their waste and haulers to haul compostable materials. If hauling is not available commercially, coordinating ‘milk runs’ and other direct links to generators can increase cost effectiveness.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Voting Member:

Large Business	\$150
Small Business (<\$100K annually)	\$100
Affiliate (government, non-profit)	\$50
Individual	\$35

Non-Voting Member:

Advancing	\$50
Sustaining	\$35
Supporting	\$12

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

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Brief Description of You or Your Business:			
Your Interests (<i>check as many as apply</i>)		Commercial composter	Gardening
Farm	Research	On-site composter	Backyard composter
Landscaping	Education	Other	
Membership Request			
I, the undersigned, as a representative of my company or an individual (whichever is applicable) hereby apply for membership in CAV. I have read the mission and goals of the Composting Association of Vermont. I am in basic agreement with the mission and goals and agree to support their fulfillment. I understand that membership must be approved by the Board of Directors, and if for any reason my application is not accepted, I will receive a full refund of dues.			
Signed:		Date:	