Marlboro College Technology Center is located in downtown Brattleboro.

DIRECTIONS
From North: Interstate 91
Take Exit 1, Brattleboro.
At end of ramp turn left; you are now on Route 5 / Canal Street.
Travel 1.2 miles toward downtown Brattleboro.
At the bottom of the second hill you descend, look for signs for Route 142 South.
At 4-way intersection, make a sharp right onto Vernon Street (Route 142 South).
Go past Brattleboro Museum on left.
Parking for the Graduate Center is the next left.

From South: Interstate 91
Take Exit 1, Brattleboro
At end of ramp turn right; you are now on Route 5 / Canal Street
Travel 1.2 miles toward downtown Brattleboro
At the bottom of the second hill you descend, look for signs for Route 142 South
At 4-way intersection, make a sharp right onto Vernon Street (Route 142 South)
Go past Brattleboro Museum on left
Parking for the Graduate Center is the next left

From East: Route 119 NH
Cross over the Connecticut River
Make a sharp left onto 142 South, the first 4-way intersection you come to
Go past Brattleboro Museum on left
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Please park toward the back of the lot.

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Soils for Farmers

March 24, 2009
9am—4pm
Marlboro College Technical Center
Brattleboro, VT

This is an intensive one-day class that provides a hands-on learning environment designed to provide farmers with a basic understanding of the soil science principles that underlie soil health.

Class Overview:

What is a Healthy Soil? Learn about the concept of soil health including the new Cornell Soil Health Test.

Biology Matters: In a teaspoon of healthy soil, there are hundreds of millions of living organisms. Learn how biological activity minimizes pests, improves fertility, and builds soil tilth.

Getting Physical: Develop a better understanding of the physical characteristics of soil that influence agricultural soil quality and how our management decisions impact them.

pH and CEC—What? Develop an understanding about the practical implications of soil pH, CEC (cation exchange capacity), organic matter and nutrients.

Strategies for Healthier Soils: Got compaction, heavy soils, droughty soils, or soilborne disease on your farm? Learn how to deal with these and other soil-related issues.

Programs for Farmers: Natural Resource Conservation Service staff will discuss the ins and outs of participating in NRCS programs.

Speakers / Facilitators

Lance Gorham is a Soil Conservationist with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in Windham County Vermont.

Erica Cummings is a Crop and Soil Technician for UVM Extension and former manager of the UVM Agricultural Testing Laboratory.

Heather Darby is the NW Extension Agronomist and Nutrient Management Specialist at UVM.

Vern Grubinger is the Fruit and Vegetable Specialist for UVM Extension.

Wendy Sue Harper is the Vegetable and Fruit Advisor for the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont.

Karen Hills is a Crop and Soil Technician for UVM Extension.

Fred Magdoff is a Professor Emeritus in Ecological Soil Management in the UVM Department of Plant and Soil Science.

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Late to register? Please call ahead to make sure there are still spaces available. (802) 524-6501 ext. 211 by March 1 so we may assist you.

Because of the focus on hands-on learning, this class will be limited to 50 people with preference given to farmers.

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Mail registration form with a check made payable to University of Vermont Extension to: Karen Hills, UVM Extension, 278 S. Main St, St. Albans, VT 05478

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