

On-Farm Composting for Organic Growers:

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A free workshop for new and aspiring farmers sponsored by the Sustainable Agriculture Resource Group (SARE), and hosted by Cedar Circle Farm and Education Center in East Thetford, VT

Sunday, May 17 1-3pm

At Cedar Circle Farm
225 Pavillion Rd.
East Thetford, Vermont
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This half day workshop will provide an intensive opportunity for growers to learn about effective on-farm composting strategies to improve product quality and farm efficiency. Through this workshop growers will gather the skills to: effectively manage weed seeds and pathogens in their raw materials, comply with VOF and NOP standards, and produce a high quality compost efficiently while protecting natural resources. This will be a demonstration based workshop.

Topics will cover:

- **siting composting operations on the farm,**
- **developing a compost recipe**
- **pile monitoring, and pile management.**
- **opportunities for utilizing food scraps for composting**
- **disease management with compost use.**

The workshop will center around the Cedar Circle Farm composting system and site, from which participants will have the opportunity to see the operation in action, as well as learn from its strengths and opportunities for improving it.

Limited space, please register in advance