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Green color suggested for organics bins

The U.S. Composting Council (USCC) and Keep America Beautiful (KAB) have recommended adopting green as the official color for organics collection containers. USCC and KAB were joined in recommending the voluntary standard by the city and county of San Francisco, GreenBlue, the National Recycling Coalition, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Seattle Public Utilities and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

The groups said additional organizations are expected to join the "Organics Collection Container Working Group" and support adoption of the voluntary standard throughout the year.

The standard has been established to address one of the key barriers to more effective recycling and organics collection - beyond convenience. Key factors supporting the recommendation of green as the preferred container color for organics collection containers



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International Compost Awareness Week

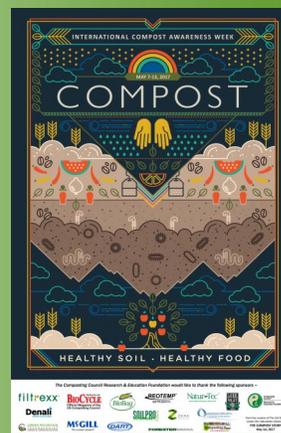
May 7-13, 2017

Composting News is pleased to join once again with about a dozen businesses across the country as a sponsor of International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW), to be recognized during the week of May 7-13, 2017. ICAW is the largest and most comprehensive education initiative of the compost industry.

Started in Canada in 1995, ICAW has continued to grow as more people, businesses, municipalities, schools and organizations are recognizing the importance of composting and the long-term benefits from organics recycling, according to the U.S. Composting Council (USCC).

The goal of the program is to raise the awareness of the public regarding the benefits of using compost to

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Opinion:

Robert F Kennedy Jr: "The best thing that could happen to the environment is free-market capitalism."

By Jon Rappoport

As I was looking into what Trump will do and won't do to preserve what's left of the American environment, I read Robert F. Kennedy Jr's book, *Crimes Against Nature*.

The book not only details wholesale destruction by pollution, it offers a foundation for understanding corporate crimes.

Kennedy keeps it simple. He proclaims himself a champion of the free market—which comes as a shock, until you realize what his addendum is:

Corporations should absorb the full cost of manufacturing their products. And that includes the harm their products cause.

For example, if Smithfield's giant pig

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Legislation/Regulation

Scott Pruitt sworn in as EPA administrator

Former Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt was confirmed and sworn in this month as the 14th administrator of the U.S. EPA. Pruitt said he believes promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is one of the lifeblood priorities of the government, and EPA is a vital part of that mission.

An EPA announcement said Pruitt believes environmental law, policy and progress are all based on cooperation among the states, cooperation between the states and EPA and cooperation between regulators and the public. As administrator, the announcement said, Pruitt will lead EPA in a way that our future generations inherit a better and



healthier environment while advancing America's economic interests.

As attorney general for Oklahoma, Pruitt led the state's legal challenges against property rights intrusion by the federal government while protecting Oklahoma's natural resources and environment.

Pruitt is a former co-owner and managing general partner of Oklahoma City's AAA minor league baseball affiliate, the Oklahoma City RedHawks, now the Oklahoma City Dodgers.



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Opinion

Free Market

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farm-factories allow highly toxic open-air feces lagoons to sit in the sun and spread into the soil for miles, they should have to build sewage treatment plants at those sites to process all the waste before it escapes.

“To handle all that (pig-farm feces) waste, farmers in North Carolina use a standard practice called the lagoon and spray field system. They flush feces and urine from barns into open-air pits called lagoons, which turn the color of Pepto-Bismol when pink-colored bacteria colonize the waste. To keep the lagoons from overflowing, farmers spray liquid manure on their fields nearby. The result, says Steve Wing, an epidemiologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is this:

“The eastern part of North Carolina is covered with shit.” — *National Geographic*, October 30, 2014

Here is what Robert F Kennedy Jr. told radio interviewer, Rachel Lewis Hilburn on 6/3/16: “...a hog produces ten times the amount of fecal waste by weight as a human being, so if you have a facility that has ten thousand hogs in it, it’s producing as much sewage as a city of a hundred thousand people. Smithfield has one plant in Utah—they call it Circle Four Farms—that has a million hogs on it, so it’s producing the same amount of waste as New York City every day.”

Get it? If a corporation releases toxic excrement across the land, part of the cost of making their product (pork, bacon, sausages) is cleaning up the land. (For more on the ‘pig-farm feces’ story, see <http://tinyurl.com/jct8p3n>.)

This dictum doesn’t exonerate

companies from criminal prosecution, but it forces them to understand a clearer concept of the marketplace.

Pollution becomes an element of making a product. It isn’t a “mistake” whose remedy is forever fought over after the fact.

The free market is maintained. But it doesn’t absolve corporations from paying their full rightful cost.

This would redefine what it means for a company to price its products.

“Well, if we have to pay for killing a billion fish and erasing commercial fisheries, what will we sell our electric motors for? Looks like it’ll be fifty times what we’ve been charging for them. I guess we should rethink our business model...”

Of course, offering this revised notion of the free market doesn’t mean that any major corporation will accept it. But it does create a starting point for activism that doesn’t just hand over

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the whole issue of pollution to the government—which leads to extremism on the other side. Kennedy isn't saying that. I am. The government wants to make thousands of rules when they have the green light to do so; and many of the rules are inhibiting and insane for businesses.

What Kennedy is proposing isn't perfect by any means, and he knows it. There would be inherent conflicts and battles all the way along the line. But it's a start, as I say, and it clarifies what "free market" means.

The finished product a company makes, and the cancer and brain damage and genetic disruption that ensues, are not two separate events. The second is part and parcel of the first.

Kennedy is the head of an organization called Riverkeeper, dedicated to protecting the Hudson River. He describes journeying up the River and talking with many people whose businesses and homes and



The New York Times Magazine this month featured American Organic Energy CEO Charles Vigliotti's plans to process organic waste from New York City into biogas, which may be sold to PSE&G, a local electrical utility, and 40,000 tons of compost/potting soil per year, which will be sold to regional garden centers through a deal with Scotts Miracle-Gro. Use the QR Code at the top to access the article on your mobile device, or visit <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/15/magazine/the-compost-king-of-new-york.html>.

The New York Times Magazine

The Compost King of New York

What happens to food scraps after the city takes them? Soon a large fraction will wind up on Long Island, where Charles Vigliotti hopes to turn them into profit.

BY ELIZABETH ROYTE FEB. 15, 2017

families were impacted by the gross pollution in the river. Some of these people weren't interested in "environmentalism" at all. But they responded and joined Kennedy's fight because their livelihoods and home values and health were on the line. On an intensely personal level, they understood his stance on the free

market. Kennedy: "What polluters do is escape the discipline of the free market. You show me a polluter, I'll show you a subsidy—a fat cat who's using political clout to escape the discipline of the free market."

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National Compost Prices

The prices listed below are intended to indicate the value of mature compost products sold by compost producers and retailers in noted regions. Prices listed are based on surveys and publicly posted prices.

Your input on published prices is encouraged. Contact Ken McEntee, editor, at (440) 238-6603. Fax: (440) 238-6712. EMail: ken@recycle.cc. Address: 9815 Hazelwood Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44149. Notes on listings.

- Each listing includes a high price obtained, a low price obtained and an average of all prices obtained within a particular market.

- Market areas: Thirteen market areas have been targeted to provide a cross section of compost product markets in

the U.S. Where regions are not identified by a specific city, "Chesapeake" refers to the region stretching between Norfolk, Va. to Baltimore, Md. "Texas" incorporates several major cities in the state. "Northwest" represents the Seattle and Portland, Ore areas. "SF-Bay" refers to the San Francisco Bay area. SoCal is Southern California, including the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. Denver includes Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

- "Food waste" compost: This category refers to compost products that include food waste, regional specialties and other feedstocks not specifically covered in other categories.

- Manures: Chicken manures may include other poultry

manures, such as turkey and duck manure. Cow manures may include manures marketed as steer and dairy manure. Horse manure is included in this category as well.

- Absence of a regional listing within a given category indicates not enough information for a valid listing.

Additional data will be added as more information is obtained.

- Bulk retail prices do not include municipal operations that give compost away for free.

Bulk Retail (yard)

Yard waste compost	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 32.55	\$ 77.00	\$ 17.50
Chesapeake	\$ 24.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 17.00
SE	\$ 21.88	\$ 29.95	\$ 16.00
Florida	\$ 16.42	\$ 26.00	\$ 10.50
Cleveland	\$ 19.90	\$ 28.00	\$ 12.50
Iowa	\$ 21.57	\$ 53.00	\$ 7.50
Minneapolis	\$ 17.09	\$ 28.00	\$ 8.00
Texas	\$ 29.71	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00
Denver	\$ 20.31	\$ 31.00	\$ 12.00
Northwest	\$ 24.05	\$ 55.00	\$ 10.00
SF-Bay	\$ 21.92	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00
SoCal	\$ 14.75	\$ 24.00	\$ 8.00

Food waste compost	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 39.12	\$ 64.00	\$ 17.50
Chesapeake	\$ 23.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
SE	\$ 28.11	\$ 35.00	\$ 24.00
Florida	\$ 17.50	\$ 22.00	\$ 13.00
Iowa	\$ 25.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 15.00
Minneapolis	\$ 12.33	\$ 16.00	\$ 9.00
Texas	\$ 30.21	\$ 48.95	\$ 15.00
Denver	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Northwest	\$ 20.55	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
SF-Bay	\$ 23.61	\$ 38.00	\$ 14.00
SoCal	\$ 30.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 16.00

Leaf humus	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 24.98	\$ 30.00	\$ 19.95
Chesapeake	\$ 27.49	\$ 30.00	\$ 23.95
Cleveland	\$ 19.27	\$ 26.00	\$ 8.00

Composted biosolids	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00
Chesapeake	\$ 24.98	\$ 35.00	\$ 12.00
SE	\$ 12.14	\$ 28.00	\$ 4.00
Florida	\$ 13.14	\$ 22.00	\$ 8.00
Cleveland	\$ 24.77	\$ 30.00	\$ 19.50
Iowa	\$ 12.67	\$ 21.00	\$ 8.00
Texas	\$ 21.28	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00
Denver	\$ 9.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.00
Northwest	\$ 17.91	\$ 26.00	\$ 7.00
SoCal	\$ 13.36	\$ 22.00	\$ 3.50

Composted chicken manure	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00
Chesapeake	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
SE	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
Minneapolis	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
Texas	\$ 37.23	\$ 47.50	\$ 26.95
Denver	\$ 25.65	\$ 28.00	\$ 24.00
SF-Bay	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00
SoCal	\$ 44.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 27.00

Composted cow manure	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 45.50	\$ 46.00	\$ 45.00
SE	\$ 31.33	\$ 45.00	\$ 12.00
Cleveland	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
Iowa	\$ 42.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 16.00
Minneapolis	\$ 29.33	\$ 32.00	\$ 26.00
Texas	\$ 29.33	\$ 47.50	\$ 15.00
Denver	\$ 21.71	\$ 30.00	\$ 12.00
Phoenix	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Northwest	\$ 23.85	\$ 33.75	\$ 17.45

SF-Bay	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00
SoCal	\$ 17.25	\$ 24.00	\$ 12.00

Wood waste mulch	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 21.35	\$ 38.00	\$ 12.50
Chesapeake	\$ 21.13	\$ 28.00	\$ 12.00
SE	\$ 18.78	\$ 34.95	\$ 12.00
Florida	\$ 17.50	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.00
Cleveland	\$ 25.56	\$ 36.25	\$ 14.00
Iowa	\$ 32.50	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00
Minneapolis	\$ 26.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00
Texas	\$ 16.19	\$ 27.00	\$ 9.00
Denver	\$ 18.74	\$ 25.00	\$ 12.48
Phoenix	\$ 17.61	\$ 22.95	\$ 10.00
Northwest	\$ 19.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 7.50
SF-Bay	\$ 18.14	\$ 30.00	\$ 8.00
SoCal	\$ 20.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.00

Colored wood mulch	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00
Chesapeake	\$ 28.67	\$ 33.00	\$ 25.00
SE	\$ 27.13	\$ 42.00	\$ 15.00
Florida	\$ 20.33	\$ 22.00	\$ 19.00
Cleveland	\$ 24.87	\$ 28.99	\$ 21.95
Iowa	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Minneapolis	\$ 36.80	\$ 49.00	\$ 30.00
Texas	\$ 26.08	\$ 32.50	\$ 18.00
Denver	\$ 33.28	\$ 33.28	\$ 33.28
Northwest	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
SF-Bay	\$ 34.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 28.00
SoCal	\$ 32.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00

Bulk wholesale (yard)

Yard waste compost	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 21.50	\$ 48.00	\$ 11.00
Chesapeake	\$ 13.39	\$ 16.00	\$ 8.00
SE	\$ 16.66	\$ 25.00	\$ 8.65
Florida	\$ 9.75	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.00
Cleveland	\$ 12.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00
Iowa	\$ 14.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 8.00
Minneapolis	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 7.00
Texas	\$ 17.25	\$ 24.00	\$ 9.00
Denver	\$ 13.05	\$ 14.10	\$ 12.00
Northwest	\$ 14.79	\$ 35.00	\$ 7.50
SF-Bay	\$ 13.71	\$ 22.00	\$ 7.00
SoCal	\$ 7.33	\$ 10.00	\$ 6.00

Food waste compost	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 25.79	\$ 48.00	\$ 11.00
Chesapeake	\$ 10.50	\$ 15.00	\$ 8.00
SE	\$ 20.65	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00
Florida	\$ 10.50	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.00
Iowa	\$ 13.40	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
Minneapolis	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Texas	\$ 17.50	\$ 24.00	\$ 8.50
Denver	\$ 11.33	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00
Northwest	\$ 17.25	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00
SF-Bay	\$ 12.67	\$ 26.00	\$ 5.00

Composted biosolids	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 15.33	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
Chesapeake	\$ 9.31	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00
SE	\$ 10.93	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00
Florida	\$ 10.50	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.00
Texas	\$ 15.99	\$ 20.00	\$ 9.00

Denver	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.00
Northwest	\$ 16.75	\$ 21.00	\$ 12.00
SoCal	\$ 10.50	\$ 17.00	\$ 3.00

Composted cow manure	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00
SE	\$ 21.38	\$ 31.50	\$ 7.00
Iowa	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Texas	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Denver	\$ 12.05	\$ 14.10	\$ 10.00
Northwest	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
SF-Bay	\$ 34.25	\$ 34.50	\$ 34.00
SoCal	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 4.00

Wood waste mulch	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 15.75	\$ 33.00	\$ 8.00
Chesapeake	\$ 15.80	\$ 17.00	\$ 13.00
SE	\$ 14.60	\$ 24.95	\$ 5.00
Florida	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 13.00
Iowa	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00
Minneapolis	\$ 18.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 17.00
Texas	\$ 10.83	\$ 14.00	\$ 8.00
Denver	\$ 7.66	\$ 8.32	\$ 7.00
Northwest	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
SF-Bay	\$ 12.33	\$ 14.00	\$ 9.00
SoCal	\$ 9.25	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00

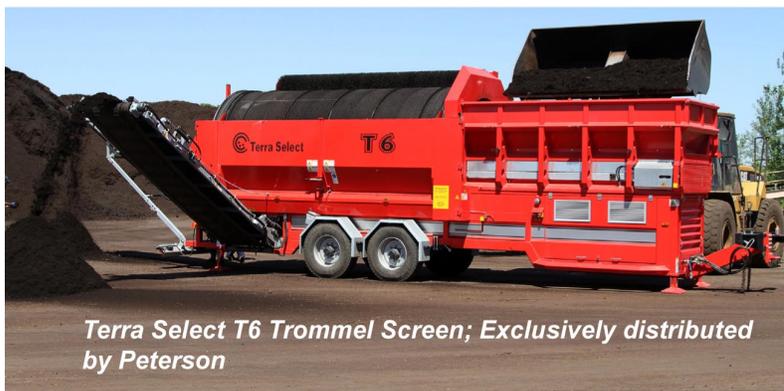
Colored wood mulch	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
Chesapeake	\$ 20.50	\$ 22.00	\$ 19.00
SE	\$ 19.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00
Florida	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00
Iowa	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Minneapolis	\$ 27.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 19.00
Texas	\$ 20.67	\$ 24.00	\$ 18.00
Denver	\$ 17.66	\$ 21.32	\$ 14.00
Northwest	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
SF-Bay	\$ 21.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 19.00
SoCal	\$ 22.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00

Bag Retail

Compost (40# bag)	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 6.87	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.50
Chesapeake	\$ 3.73	\$ 5.49	\$ 2.15
SE	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Iowa	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.99
Cleveland	\$ 2.45	\$ 2.99	\$ 2.10
Iowa	\$ 3.12	\$ 7.99	\$ 1.50
Texas	\$ 4.25	\$ 6.99	\$ 1.99
Denver	\$ 3.59	\$ 4.75	\$ 1.73
Phoenix	\$ 4.71	\$ 5.99	\$ 2.77
Northwest	\$ 4.29	\$ 5.99	\$ 2.99
SoCal	\$ 5.39	\$ 6.25	\$ 3.90

Composted cow manure(40#bag)	Average	High	Low
NE	\$ 6.53	\$ 9.87	\$ 3.85
Chesapeake	\$ 5.97	\$ 7.95	\$ 3.99
SE	\$ 5.16	\$ 6.97	\$ 3.34
Florida	\$ 1.98	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.97
Cleveland	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.99	\$ 2.49
Iowa	\$ 2.18	\$ 2.49	\$ 1.75
Minneapolis	\$ 3.70	\$ 7.00	\$ 1.99
Texas	\$ 4.59	\$ 6.99	\$ 1.99
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Opinion

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I'm not encouraged by what I see so far in the Trump administration's approach to the quality of the land, sea, and air. His nominee for head of the EPA, Scott Pruitt, appears to be a front man for polluting interests. In a previous article, My Position on Donald Trump, I wrote: "I think Trump favors jobs, all jobs, and will go to extremes to create them...He'll cast a blind eye toward big corporate toxic GMOs/pesticides. He'll overlook and ignore major areas of agricultural and industrial pollution, and permit them to expand."

I still believe that, until and unless Trump proves it isn't true.

He has stated he wants pure water and pure air. Let's see some evidence of that. If he turns out to be a "know-nothing" with a hands-off agenda, we

would be in danger of witnessing the reincarnation of George W Bush re the environment—an unmitigated disaster.

Even if you believe the business of America is unfettered business — and you welcome and embrace that ideal — talk to a few families who have been on the receiving end of serious pollution, and then consider how the free market should work.

Holding high-level criminals accountable doesn't have to equal being swallowed up by socialism.

It's actually a step on the road to restoring the root meaning of capitalism - absent the cronies and their deals and payoffs and subversions and perversions.

Or, if you're still a hardliner who thinks any kind of environmentalism is a blow against the spirit of America, put on wading boots and walk into the middle of one of Smithfield's huge, chemical-laden, pig-feces lagoons on a summer afternoon, at one of their

facilities where they harvest a million pigs. Fire off a fervent salute to Smithfield and the Republic for which it stands.

As you try to stay upright, as inflammation invades your lungs, summon up a vision of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and John Adams and Thomas Paine saluting with you and proclaiming that this is what they had in mind, when they helped launch a new nation birthed in freedom on this continent.

See if you can make that work.

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Awareness

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improve or maintain high quality soil, to grow healthy plants, reduce the use of fertilizer and pesticides, improve water quality and protect the environment. The program includes a poster contest, programs at schools and activities and events promoted through governments, public municipalities and local businesses.

As always, this year's theme, *Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food*, has been illustrated on an official poster selected through a competition organized by USCC. This year, a poster designed by Ursula Gutowski, a graphic designer from Niles, Ill., was chosen from more than 200 entrees.

"There are so many people today that are pushing for an increase in healthy food and nutrition, but miss the link in the soils that these foods are grown in," Gutowski said. "Food waste compost not only provides an amazing soil that is full of nutrients for growing food, but it also completes the circle of sustainability."

Throughout the ICAW week, community and business events are held around the country to encourage and celebrate composting.

For more information about ICAW, contact Beth Simone, bethsimone@compostfoundation.org.

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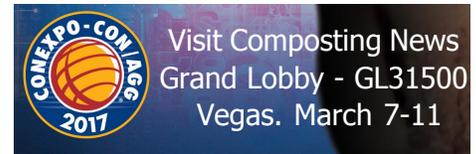
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are:

- A distinct, consistent color for organics containers provides a visual cue for program participants that studies indicate will likely increase recognition of the purpose of the container and the quality of recovered material;
- A distinct color that is different from the color used for trash and recycling collection containers can increase recovery; and
- Consistency in messaging across jurisdictions – including the use of container color – helps to minimize confusion and contamination.

"While consumers' first effort should be to reduce food waste, once the food waste is generated we'll improve organics collection by taking the simple step of standardizing the color of the organics collection containers," said Brenda Pulley, senior vice president, recycling, for KAB. "And we'll have the residual benefit of providing quality feedstock for composting."

Frank Franciosi, executive director of USCC, said education and identification of containers and proper ways of recycling food scraps is critical to one of the compost manufacturer's biggest challenges: contamination.



"This project will help to clarify organics containers and capture more organics for composting," Franciosi said.

According to an online survey commissioned by KAB, 79 percent of 697 survey participants identified blue containers as recycling bins. Survey respondents were least certain about the color of a compost container – 51 percent selected brown and 41 percent selected green. Brown was also associated with trash for many respondents, suggesting that green may be the most appropriate color for organics collection.

For more information contact Pulley, at 202-688-0603, or Cary Oshins, USCC director of education, at 301-897-2715, ext. 4.

Food scraps

Italian BTS Biogas to enter U.S. market

BTS Biogas, an Italian firm involved in the biological transformation of food scraps and other organic waste into energy and organic fertilizer, has raised a significant round of funding with a new U.S.-based investor group which will fuel the acceleration of the company's strategic entry into the United States with several large plant projects and strategic partnerships, BTS announced.

The investor group is led by New York-based Virtual Equity Partners LLC, a firm established in 2016. Since then, the firm has focused on the trading of virtual goods and services within the electronic-sports industry

between end consumers and the virtual marketplace.

Headquartered in South Tyrol, BTS serves industrial and agricultural companies, local authorities, the food industry, refuse disposal and composting plants.

The company processes organic waste materials, byproducts from alimentary industries, residues and agricultural by-products and energy crops into electrical energy, thermal energy (heating and cooling), organic methane (for fuel and grid feed-in) and organic fertilizers. BTS said it serves composting plants among other operations. It has built more than 200 operational biogas plants in the last 10 years with plants in the United Kingdom, France, the Czech Republic, Poland and Switzerland. Recently the company signed plant construction deals in France, Japan and Thailand. The plants utilize as a raw material any type of organic waste, from food scraps to agricultural waste, and generate

electricity or compressed natural gas along with organic fertilizer via a microbe based fermentation process.

The move into the U.S. coincides with BTS Biogas's international expansion efforts throughout the European Union and abroad.

"In this industry, the U.S. market is in its relative infancy and given our position as an established market leader, our track record of successfully building and operating plants throughout Europe and industry leading design and engineering, we project great success with our move into the United States," said Gianluca Visconti, head of marketing for BTS.

Shawn Kreloff, managing partner at Virtual Equity Partners, said BTS provides an "enormous" market opportunity represented by the biological transformation of organic waste to energy, and the innovative technical work BTS Biogas has completed from a research and development perspective.

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Goodfellow, Border join Peterson distributor network

Border Equipment and Goodfellow Corp. have joined Peterson Pacific Corp.'s group of distributors for Georgia and the territories of Utah, Nevada and southern Idaho respectively, Peterson announced.

"Peterson's full range of products will be well represented by Border Equipment," said Brian Gray, Peterson's director of sales. "Their focus on the customer and the products is well respected in this region and we are excited to see what they can do with Georgia."

Border Equipment, the local Case construction equipment dealer in Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah area, has a long tradition of serving the state of Georgia. Border Equipment has three retail locations and service and support personnel throughout the state to provide service after the sale.

"We are very excited to bring on the Peterson line and are immediately stocking new grinders, chippers and screens to satisfy demand for these products here in Georgia" said Brett Arrowood, operations manager for Border.

Gray said Goodfellow and Peterson have been partners on Terra Select screen products for more than three years.

"Because of the success of that partnership we are very pleased to expand our relationship to include the entire Peterson product line," he said. "The experience they bring to the table as well as their dedication to their customers match Peterson's culture and core values."

Goodfellow was established in 1960, and has seen steady growth in the aggregate crushing business. Adding

environmental equipment such as the products that Peterson offers is a natural progression for the company for future growth.

"Goodfellow Corporation is very excited to now have access to the entire Peterson Product Line," said Doug Sites, Peterson product line manager for Goodfellow. "We have represented the Terra Select trommel line for them since they became the master distributor and keep multiple sizes and units in our rental fleet. We are looking forward to getting the new grinder we have ordered in since we already have demos and rentals scheduled for it."

For more information, see www.peterson.com.

Bandit equipment cleans Sandy debris

"When Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast I had stump grinders up in New Jersey for about three months each," said Ed Wadley, owner of Taylor's Rental Equipment Co., in Fort Worth, Tex., which was located 1,200 miles away from the mess.

Whereas many rental shops carry smaller brush chippers and stump grinders, Wadley's fleet runs the table for Bandit hand-fed chippers, he said. He has the smaller rental favorites like the Model 65XP, 75XP, 90XP and a few 250XPs, but he also rents Model 1390s, Model 1590s, Model 1890s, and the largest hand-fed Bandit chipper available – a 21-inch capacity Model 1990XP.

"I have one unique customer that works on cooling towers at a power plant, and when they service those, there are wood parts that need replaced," Wadley said. "If you haul them in a truck, you have truckload after truckload. They found they can run them through a big chipper and cut those loads down 20 to 1, which



Bandit 65XP

obviously saves a lot in transportation costs. They prompted me to get the 1990XP. I bought it and Bandit actually delivered it to them in South Carolina on a power plant job. It was there for the first two months of its life."

Working with Wadley and his team at Taylor's Rental is Bandit's nearby dealer, Bandit of Texas. With more than two decades of service to Bandit customers in the region, Bandit of Texas provides an excellent support base for Wadley and his large Bandit fleet, he said.

"It all started years ago, carrying higher horsepower stump grinders and chippers," said Wadley. "I'm a tool guy from way back and a little more horsepower is always nice. I've been renting Bandits for about 10 years now. You could walk in here any day of the week and I'd have two or three of the chippers out, and the stump grinders go out more often than the chippers.

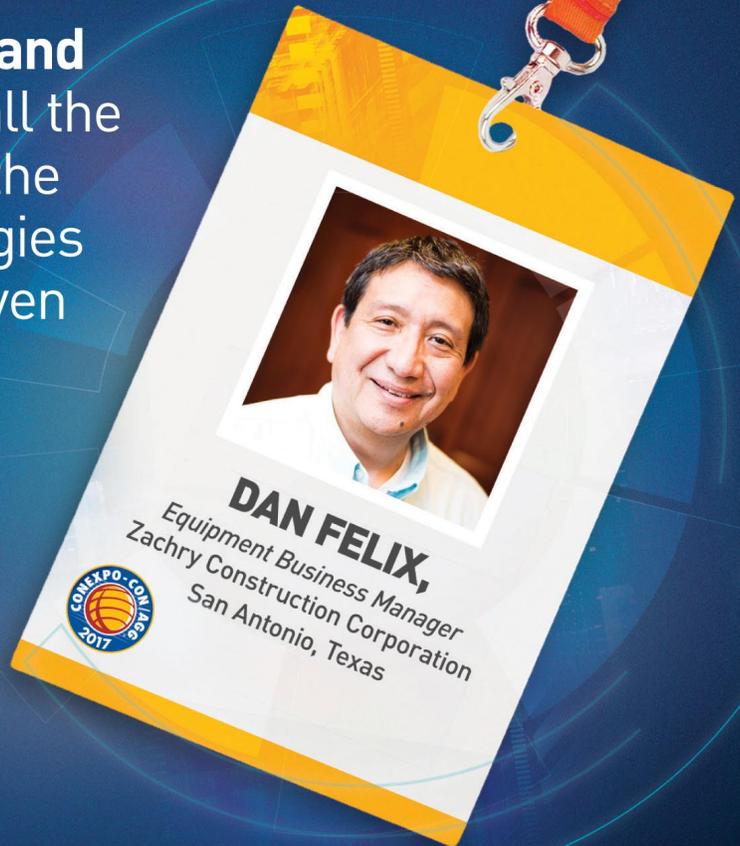
Regardless of the size, they've been good investments for Taylor's Rental.

"I'll keep the small chippers for about three years," he said. "The larger machines it really depends on the number of hours; I usually keep them longer. My initial cost recovery is 24 months, but that's more towards the bigger chippers. On a six-inch chipper like the Model 65XP I can do it in 18 months at the most."

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The city claims Samborski owes more than \$72,000 for disposing materials at the Brady Road landfill.

None of the city's allegations have been proven in court and both Samborski Environmental and the City of Winnipeg declined to comment.

Formerly known as Samborski Garden Supplies, Samborski

Environmental describes itself as a 90-year-old, fourth-generation business which creates high-grade compost by diverting organic materials from landfills.

In 2014, after conducting interviews and inspecting Samborski's operations, the province deemed Samborski's compost a pollutant under the Environmental Act.

In January 2016, Samborski sued the province of Manitoba for \$24,000 in losses after contractors removed 600 cubic metres of compost material from its site – which the company said was worth \$40 per cubic yard. The case is still before the courts. - *CBC News, www.cbc.ca*

• The **Onondaga (N.Y.) County Resource Recovery Agency** (OCRRA) is working with local haulers

to turn spoiled and outdated food into something useable. Disabled workers from Arc of Onondaga are in charge of de-packaging all the food scraps that come into OCRRA's Amboy compost site when necessary. OCRRA took in about 6,400 tons of food scraps last year and hopes to grow it even more this year. Besides de-packaging, the food Arc of Onondaga workers also bag the compost in the spring.

- *WSYR-TV, www.localsyr.com*

• **Hawaii** Mayor Harry Kim said he is looking to scrap plans for a \$10.3 million composting facility, citing concerns about its cost. Kim said he supports the intent of the project, which would divert organic waste from Hawaii County's landfills, but that he saw the contract signed last year as being too expensive and not comprehensive enough. A replacement plan could include organics diversion. - *West Hawaii Today, westhawaii.com*



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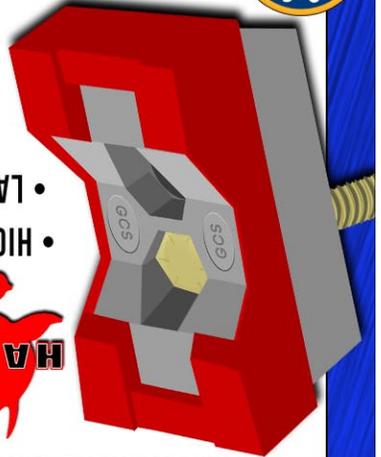
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