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**CWMI Update - April 2009**

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/updates.htm>

**SAVE THE DATE: Program Work Team - Managing Organic Residuals.** May 28, 2009, at the OCRRA Amboy Compost Facility, Syracuse, NY. This is an annual meeting to discuss completed outreach and research, new issues in the waste management field, gain insight from stakeholders, contemplate new directions and catch up on what is happening. More details to follow. Information is continually updated at: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/pwt2009.htm>.

**The New York (and border states) Compost Facility Map** is up and running on CWMI's web site and can be found at <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/maps.html>. It is a tool that can be used to find locations in your area that are accepting organic materials for composting, are selling and/or giving away compost or have compost education and/or demonstrations. We hope you will find this map useful and informative. If you have, or know of, a facility that is not on the map, please help us keep it up-to-date by clicking on the link for adding your facility to our map or contacting Mary Schwarz at: [msp5@cornell.edu](mailto:msp5@cornell.edu).

**Soil Contaminant Fact Sheets and Other Soil Quality Resources.** The Soil Quality section of CWMI's web site (<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/soilquality.htm>) has been updated with new content, including Fact Sheets and other resources intended to help people who are interested in soil testing, interpreting test results, and best practices for healthy soils. This site will continue to be updated as our research and education programs expand, so watch for additional updates in the future. Please contact Hannah Shayler ([has34@cornell.edu](mailto:has34@cornell.edu)) with any comments, suggestions, or questions about these new resources.

**Urban Soils Workshops in New York City.** Together with Crop and Soil Science colleague Jonathan Russell-Anelli, Hannah Shayler and Murray McBride led workshops in New York City last month at GreenThumb's GrowTogether Annual Conference (see <http://www.greenthumbnyc.org>) to discuss how gardeners can best use soil testing to answer questions about soil contaminants or other soil properties and promote garden health. An additional training session about designing and implementing feasible, informative soil sampling strategies was held for GreenThumb staff and partner organizations in preparation for upcoming collaborative soil sampling projects in NYC community garden soils.

**The Cornell Farm Services Compost Facility.** A document developed by CWMI in cooperation with Cornell Farm Services, Cornell Dining, Statler Hotel, and Mandible Cafe describing the operation of the Cornell Farm Services Compost Facility. The document can be accessed at: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/farmservices.pdf>

## **Educational Events**

**Dig It! Composting & Recycling of Food, Garden and Agricultural Waste for Institutions, Municipalities, and Farms.** May 18, 2009, Carmel, NY. Learn about waste management techniques that will create a valuable soil building product from food, garden and agricultural waste and reduce dependence on waste haulage and containment. For more information, go to: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/digit.pdf>

**Carcass Management Training Workshop** for agricultural service providers. April 28-29, 2009, Monmouth, ME. Limited enrollment. For more information and application, go to: <http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/carcasstraining.pdf>

**International Symposium on Management of Animal Carcasses, Tissue and Related ByProducts** University of California - Davis: July 21-23, 2009. For more information, go to: <http://extension.umaine.edu/ByproductsSymposium09/default.htm>

**BioCycle's 50th Anniversary - International Conference.** April 27-30, 2009, San Diego, CA. For more information, go to: <http://www.biocycle50.com>.