A truly collaborative and international effort.

**For Healthier Soil, Healthier Food... Compost!**

Every nation, unfortunately, experiences: hunger.

Compost helps the environment and decreases food shortages experienced around the world.

Learn through a variety of virtual and in person programs in Illinois.

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Mission Statement

The Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition (IFSCC) is a thriving not-for-profit organization advancing diversion and composting of all organics in Illinois through advocacy, program implementation, market and business development, policy, and outreach.
Welcome to ICAW 2023
International Compost Awareness Week
- Legislative Lunch & Learn -

Moderator - Jen Nelson
IFSCC Education Committee Co-Chair
Seven Generations Ahead

Liz Kunkle
IFSCC Policy Committee Co-Chair
Illinois Environmental Council

Andrea Collins
IFSCC Policy Committee Member
Natural Resources Defense Council
Compost Policy Introduced
- Illinois State -

● **HB 3277** - Composting Facility (incidental sales of finished compost)
  ○ Expected to pass!

● **SB 1555** - Packaging and Paper Stewardship (EPR task force and study)
  ○ Passed Senate 5/5; in House 5/8 - **Action Alert**!

● **HB 2569** - Compost Products (state agencies and local govts use finished compost)
  ○ Incorporated into omnibus procurement package

● **HB 3235** - Compost Incentive Pilot Program
  ○ Budget; 5/19 deadline
Compost Policy Introduced
- Illinois State -

- **SB 2155** - Methane Emissions (reduces organics in landfill w/o banning)
  - Introduced in Senate; discussion started

- **HB 1370** - Large Event Recycling and Composting
  - Passed House; in Senate

- **HB 3158** - Natural Organic Reduction
  - Passed House; in Senate

- **HB 3627** - Soil Health Week
  - Passed House (unanimous -1); in Senate
Compost Awareness Week Resolution & Bill
- Illinois State -

● 2021
  ○ USCC meeting/CA resolution - January
  ○ Asked IL State Senator Laura Fine re same - February
  ○ SR 220 introduced in ILGA - April

● 2022
  ○ SR 706 introduced - January (happy accident R→B)
  ○ SB 3451 introduced - one week later
  ○ SR 706 adopted after midnight on last night of (shortened) session

● 2023
  ○ SB 52 introduced - January (almost first bill introduced by Sen Fine)
  ○ SR 62 introduced - one week later
  ○ SB 52 didn’t advance
  ○ SR 62 adopted April 26!
  ■ Municipal Proclamations/Resolutions
NRDC’s Work to Reduce Food Waste
- Federal, Regional, State, Municipal -

NRDC’s mission
To safeguard the earth—its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends.

COOK IT, STORE IT, SHARE IT. JUST DON’T WASTE IT.

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Program Tools and Model Policy
- Regional, State, Municipal -

★ Food Scrap Recycling Landscape Assessment Guide
★ Guide for Funding Food Scrap Recycling
★ Municipal Compost Procurement Model Policy
★ Municipal Mandatory Reporting for Large Food Waste Generators Model Ordinance
★ State Mandatory Organics Recycling/Waste Ban Model*
★ State Disposal Surcharge Fees Model Policy*

nrdc.org/food-matters
*coming soon: ZeroFoodWasteCoalition.org
Reduce Food Waste in the 2023 Farm Bill

- Federal -

1. Create a Food Loss and Waste Reduction Office in USDA & authorize funding for grants.

2. Increase funding for planning & infrastructure to reduce food waste and enhance food rescue.

3. Fund research in food waste prevention, upcycling and recycling solutions.

4. Standardize and clarify date labels ("expiration dates").
1. **The COMPOST Act** (HR 651 and S 179)  
   Makes composting a conservation practice. Requires USDA grants and loans for food waste composting

2. **Zero Waste Food Act** (HR 652 and S 177)  
   Establishes EPA grant program to study and reduce food waste

3. **Recycling and Composting Accountability Act** (S 1194)  
   Requires EPA to improve recycling and composting programs

4. **Recycling and Infrastructure Accessibility Act** (S 1189)  
   Establishes a pilot program to improve recycling accessibility [not expressly compost]

5. **Food and Farm Act** (HR 1824)  
   Blumenauer’s Farm Bill alternative. Establishes a USDA Office of Food Waste, task force

6. **Agriculture Resilience Act** (HR 1840)  
   Pingree’s Farm Bill priorities that covers soil health, farmland preservation, research, livestock, renewable energy, food waste

7. **Food Date Labeling Act** (re-introduced yesterday)  
   Clarifies and standardizes “expiration dates. Requires USDA consumer education

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**Compost Policy Introduced - Federal -**
Turn Ideas into Action
- Federal, Regional, State, Municipal -

- **Be Open** - to policies/practices in other states and in other contexts in IL

- **Be Bold** - don’t be afraid to ask; remember this is their job!

- **Be Prepared** - do your due diligence; know what, who, why, and when you want to ask

- **Be Flexible** - be willing to compromise/adjust your expectations

- **Be Tenacious** - follow-up regularly ... and repeatedly ... but not annoyingly

- **Be Patient** - change *almost inevitably* takes longer - if not a different path - than expected to achieve
Thank you to our 2023 IFSCC Sustaining Members

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https://illinoiscomposts.org/membership/

Join your fellow stakeholders by becoming a SUPPORTING MEMBER or a SUSTAINING PARTNER, which will provide valuable exposure for you and your organization and further the impact of this group’s initiatives.

JOIN USCC
https://www.compostingcouncil.org/page/MembershipBenefits

If you are a compost processor, check out the benefits of USCC membership and get involved with our state affiliate through the work of the IFSCC Compost Market Development committee.
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Thank you for joining us today!