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# *FREE Compost Use Workshop*



## October 29, 2004

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

ICN Locations

Across Iowa



*Sponsored by the Iowa Department  
of Natural Resources and the Iowa  
Compost Initiative.*

*CEUs available to golf course  
superintendents and landscape  
architects.*



## Iowa Compost Initiative

The DNR, R. Alexander Associates, Inc. and several Iowa commercial composters, have teamed up to “spread the word” about the environmental, agronomic, and financial benefits of using compost in various applications.

## Workshop Speakers

**Ron Alexander, R. Alexander Associates**, authored the “Field Guide to Compost Use”, and “Landscape Architecture Specifications for Compost Utilization.” Ron is co-manager of the U.S. Composting Council’s Seal of Testing Assurance Program and will share his 20 years of compost use and production experience.

**Ole Skaar, Iowa DOT Agronomist**, will share insights into the DOT’s past and future uses of compost.

**Tom Truelson, Soil Tek**, will share his Iowa experiences using compost to reduce erosion and runoff, to establish and maintain vegetation and to stabilize streambanks.

## CEUs

The Iowa Department of Commerce has approved this workshop for obtaining continuing education credits for registered landscape architects. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has also approved this workshop for education points.



## Workshop Agenda

9:00-9:30

Registration

9:30-10:00

Compost: *What is it & Why Use it?*

10:00-10:20

Compost Quality Issues: *Importance of Specific Characteristics*

10:20-10:40

Buying Compost: *Iowa Sources and Evaluating Compost Test Results*

10:40-11:00

Landscape and Turf Applications: *Turf Establishment and Maintenance, Planting Beds, Mulching, Topsoil Manufacturing, Tree/Shrub Planting*

11:00-11:20

Roadside and Erosion Control

Applications: *Upgrading Marginal Soils, Vegetation Establishment, Erosion Control*

11:20-11:50

Iowa Compost Use Projects and Pending Specifications: *A Review of Iowa Compost Use Projects, SUDAS, IA DOT*

11:50-12:00

Wrap Up



## Workshop Locations

The workshop will originate in Des Moines and will be broadcast simultaneously in an interactive fashion via the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Here is a list of the ICN locations:

### Ames:

- Iowa State University—Lagomarcino Hall, Room N147

### Atlantic:

- Public Library

### Cedar Rapids:

- Kirkwood Community College--Linn Hall

### Davenport:

- Eastern Iowa Community College—Kahl Educational Center

### Dubuque:

- University of Dubuque—Jackaline Baldwin Dunlap Technology Center

### Des Moines:

- Department of Education—Grimes Building (Host site)

### Fairfield:

- National Guard Armory

### Mason City:

- North Iowa Area Community College

### Sioux City:

- Federal Courthouse

### Spencer:

- Public Library