



Composting & Anaerobic Digestion  
Association *of* Ireland

## How Good is Your Compost? – *What all those lab test numbers mean!*

The aim of this event being provided by Cré, is to equip composters with a better understanding of their process, products and potential customers by explaining what all of the numbers mean that come back from the laboratory.

The course is developed by the WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme). WRAP have kindly provided the course materials. The course has been tailored for the Irish situation (e.g. regulations).

### Courses Content:

- ▶ **Introductions** – Overview of the day and the importance of compost quality testing.
- ▶ **Using analytical data** – to better understand and manage your process and compost products, importance of specific test parameters, what test parameters does the IS 441/EPA Waste Licenses require - why and what do they mean? How do results link to customer requirements, modifying the composting process to meet customer compost requirements.
- ▶ **How to sample** properly and frequency of sampling required. How to collate and manage your test data.
- ▶ **Compost use in Agriculture and Field Horticulture** – Compost test parameters important to farmers, what they mean, what to aim for and how to achieve it
- ▶ **Exercise** – Modifying the composting process to modify product characteristics.
- ▶ **Compost use in Horticulture** - Compost test parameters important to Growing media manufacturers and professional growers, what they mean, what to aim for and how to achieve it.
- ▶ **Compost use in Landscaping** - Compost test parameters important to landscape architects and landscapers, what they mean, what to aim for and how to achieve it.
- ▶ **Exercise** – Modifying the composting process to modify product characteristics.
- ▶ **Compost Clinic** – Questions and Discussion of related or specific issues composters have, opportunity to discuss actual problems one to one?

### COURSE FEE

- ▶ The course fee for members of Cré is €195.
- ▶ The course fee for non – members is €295.

### Booking

**The course will be organised when there is a sufficient number of people registered. So it is important that you send an email to Percy to let him know you are interested in attending the course.**

### For Further Information:

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