

HELP BRING A FOOD WASTE RECYCLING FORUM TO YOUR COUNTY

Food waste generators who start a food waste recycling program, save two ways: 1) economically by reducing their trash bills, and 2) environmentally by diverting their waste from landfills and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Solid Waste Resource Renewal Group at the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station is bringing detailed food waste recycling forum each New Jersey county to acquaint food waste generators with the recycling options that would best suit local generators there.

Registration for each educational forum is free. Each forum provides nuts and bolts introductions on how to plan for and set up a food waste recycling program to receive the maximum economic and environmental benefits associated with food waste recycling.

SWRRG has held forums in Middlesex and Mercer Counties, and is working with other counties to hold forums in early 2008. If you are reading this, you can help bring a forum to your county. We will provide you the speakers, which include recycling systems experts such as John Connolly, Steve Mojo, and Mike Manna who can prepare generators to do waste audits, contract with haulers, create teams and do training, choose bins and avoid contaminating the recycling with things which cannot be accepted. Speakers will describe each of the food waste recycling facilities now in development, what food and other organic waste they will accept and what products they will manufacture. Other speakers will describe actual case studies and how to have your greenhouse gas savings calculated for you for free. Each forum provides information for local governmental representatives on how to support food waste recycling within their jurisdictions and the benefits of doing so.

All that a county needs to do to get a forum is:

- ⇒ Choose a date and find a location, provided free or costs paid by the county
- ⇒ Develop a planning committee to work with us to develop any special features of the forum in your county
- ⇒ Help find someone who can pay for the catering for the day
- ⇒ Reach out to generators in your county to get them to participate
- ⇒ Provide the County Executive, a Freeholder, or Legislator to welcome participants to the forum

Working together, we can build an industry for New Jersey which will take one of our most plentiful “natural resources,” food and other organic wastes, and create jobs, make bioproducts, replace foreign oil, reduce greenhouse gases—and save money for everyone involved.

Please explore these pages to learn more.

- ⇒ Sample agendas from past forums
- ⇒ Counties planning future forums—get involved with your county
- ⇒ Information on the recycling facilities being developed
- ⇒ “State of the State” on Food Waste