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# Soil Foodweb Canada

## ➤ Newsletter ◀

*News and Views from our Laboratory & Learning Centre*

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## Two More Soil Foodweb Canada Courses This Fall: BC & AB!!!

### Castlegar, British Columbia – 2 Day Course

Friday November 2 – Saturday November 3, 2007

#### Course Contact Information:

Nette Lack, Kootenay Organic Growers Society  
Castlegar, British Columbia – Phone: 250-304-5831

### Athabsaca, Alberta – 2 Day Course

Tuesday November 20 – Wednesday November 21, 2007

#### Course Contact Information:

Tom Kraviec, Athabsaca & District Agriculture Society  
Athabsaca, Alberta – Phone: 780-675-3716

Coming off the overwhelming success of our first two-day Introduction to Soil Biology, Compost & Compost Tea course, taught by Mathew George, Manager & Soil Food Web Instructor of Soil Foodweb Canada, we are pleased to announce two more courses coming this November in Castlegar, British Columbia, & Athabsaca, Alberta.

The two courses will not be run by Soil Foodweb Canada per se, but by organizations bringing Matthew to their groups to teach. Both groups are welcoming non-members as well. Contact the one closest to you and attend our Introduction to Soil Biology, Compost & Compost Tea course!

### Introduction to Soil Biology, Compost & Compost Tea

**Sample Course Information:** What is the Soil Foodweb? What is Biological Farming? Does the Nitrogen Cycle play a role? Are nutrients/minerals important in the Soil Foodweb approach? How does the lab look at my soil/compost/compost tea? What do the microorganisms in the soil look like? What is good compost? Is there such a thing as bad compost? How do you make different types of compost, such as thermal compost, worm compost, and static compost? Does my soil need compost? What is compost tea? What do you need to brew it and how do you do it? What are the compost tea receipts? How do you pre-activate compost for your tea? What inputs do you need for the tea? What are the benefits and drawback to compost tea compared to direct application of products? & more!

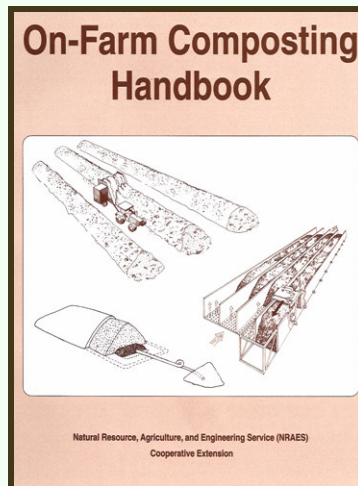
### FUTURE SOIL FOODWEB CANADA COURSES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

If you are part of a group, association or organization, such as the ones mentioned above, and would like have Soil Foodweb Canada teach courses for your group, please contact us at: 403-485-6981 or [info@soilfoodweb.ca](mailto:info@soilfoodweb.ca)

Matthew George of Soil Foodweb Canada will be giving short talks about the importance of soil biology and soil nutrients, presented by Sustainable Soil Solutions & Alpine Plant Foods, throughout Alberta, as well as British Columbia and Ontario, in October and November. Information coming soon, so please visit our website in the near future for details of dates and times.



### Soil Foodweb Canada Item of the Season



### On-Farm Composting Handbook



This award-winning handbook presents a thorough overview of farm-scale composting and explains how to produce, use, and market compost. The information will be useful for farmers, waste producers, environmental regulators, and public health officials. Topics covered include benefits and drawbacks, the process, raw materials, methods, operations, management, site and environmental considerations, using compost, marketing, economics, and other options for waste management.

With increasing concern about the environment, composting has become an attractive option to turn problem materials and waste into a valuable product which can be returned to the land.

The information is intended to help farmers decide whether composting or the use of compost is appropriate for their farm. For waste producers, environmental regulators, and public health officials, the handbook provides insight about agricultural composting and what it can reasonably accomplish. With this guide, those interested in a more effective means of waste management will be better able to plan and implement a farm-scale composting operation.

This manual is recommended by Dr. Elaine Ingham and is available for a special price of \$35 plus tax and delivery until the end of November only. Starting December 1, this book will increase to \$40 plus tax and delivery, so gets yours today!

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