

WHAT DOES YOUR BONE PILE LOOK LIKE?

GENERAL COMPOSTING PRINCIPLES
including animal mortality composting
OCTOBER 22, 2014



Judith River Senior Center
105 2nd W,
Hobson, Mt
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



NRCS, MSU Northern Ag Research, APHIS & Mt. Dept. of Livestock are holding a workshop to explain proper composting methods which will include managing animal carcass disposal.

The objective of this workshop is to provide knowledge, tools, and resources to develop good compost and deter predators. Proper management & disposal of animal mortalities on the farm, ranch, or feedlot has important implications for nutrient management, water quality, animal health, and predator control. Karen Hoffman, NRCS Engineer & Julia Dafoe, MSU will focus on building a functioning compost pile and managing carcass disposal on livestock facilities. Kraig Glazier, APHIS will provide an update on predator control & how bone piles affect predator behavior. George Edwards, MT Dept. of Livestock will explain their composting cost share program.

RSVP for \$5 lunch by: October 10, 2014

Registration information:
**JUDITH BASIN CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**
121 Central Avenue
STANFORD MT
406-566-2311 extension 107



9:30 Registration

10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—Introductions
Joyce Trevithick, NRCS Area Agronomist

10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. - Composting 101
Julia Dafoe, MSU Research Associate Beef Cattle Nutrition

**11:15 -12 noon- Mortality Composting
Operation and Maintenance**
Karen Hoffman/Julia Dafoe

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch

**1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.— NRCS Tools available
for implementing a composting facility**
Karen Hoffman, NRCS Engineer

**1:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.- Regulations and
permitting requirements –**
Karen Hoffman, NRCS Engineer

1:45 p.m.—2:15 p.m. - Predators & Bone Piles
Kraig Glazier, APHIS Wildlife Biologist

2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m. - Cost Share Programs
George Edwards, Montana Dept. Of Livestock

2:45 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Case Study/Questions
Julia Dafoe, MSU
Hand out references, resources, contact information