

Go Green Greenwich



Healthy yards without harmful chemicals and overwatering

**Garden Education Center, 130 Bible Street, Cos Cob
October 18, 2017 (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)**

Fee: \$20 – free composters will be provided for Greenwich residents
For reservation contact Lisa at (203) 869 9242 or gec@gecgreenwich.org

PROGRAM SYNOPSIS

1. **What your soil needs to support a healthy landscape?** (9:00 - 9:45 am)
The importance of organic matter in soil.
Gregory Bugbee, Department of Environmental Sciences,
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
2. **How to benefit from yard wastes?** (9:45 – 10:15 am)
Three steps: mulching leaves into the lawn when mowing plus shredding and mulching, cycling of grass clippings, and composting.
Michael Walker, Horticulturist, Hoffman Landscapes

Coffee Break (10:15 – 10:30am)

3. **Turning your kitchen scraps into black gold.**
(10:30 – 11:00 am) Composting and vermicomposting
Abigail A. Maynard, Department of Forestry and Horticulture,
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station



4. Short 15 minute sessions (11:00-12:00 pm)

- **The first Food Digester in CT**

Brian Paganini, Vice President & Managing Director of Quantum Biopower

- **Zero Wastes approach in Baldor**

Thomas McQuillan, Business Analyst for Baldor Specialty Foods

- **Curbside Compost**

Nick Skeadas, Curbside Compost

- **MowGreen (“Get the Gas off the Grass”)**

Dan Delventhal, Green Individual Award Winner '16

Lunch Break (12:00- 1:00pm)

5. **Landscape problems and how to correct them without harsh chemicals.**

(1:00 – 1:45 pm)

Organic options to control insects, plant diseases and weeds

Gary Norman, Arborist and Organic Land Care Professional, Almstead Tree & Shrub Care Co.

6. **How to achieve water conservation through proper landscaping practices?**

(1:45-2:30 pm)

Use of native plants to create wildlife oases and achieve sustainability: **John Conte**, Landscape Architect, Conte & Conte, Inc.

Organic lawn management: **Johnson Wistrand**, Lawn Creations

Water conservation through smart irrigation: **TBD**, Aquarion Water Co.

Tea break (2:30 – 2:45pm)

7. **How to put all these elements together to achieve sustainable landscapes?**

(2:45 – 3:15 pm)

Expert panel (Q & A session)



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