

Winter Lecture Series

Compost and Potting Mixes

with Mario Lanthier

Saturday, 18th April 2009 - Castlegar

Tarrys Hall, Highway 3A, Tarrys, Thrums. Time: 9am to 4pm.

Sunday, 19th April 2009 - Creston

Lister Hall, Lister, Creston. Time: 9am to 4pm.

Places on the course are limited to 25 in each location.

Mario Lanthier is the owner of CropHealth Advising & Research, a company offering services in Plant Health Care and Integrated Pest Management to farmers, greenhouse growers, nursery growers and landscape companies. He has been working in the horticulture industry since 1980 and with farm operations doing large-scale composting for over 10 years. Mario has tried to keep up with the explosion of new technical information in the field of soil biology. His compost piles at home are very basic but they deliver the goods.

Outline of the course

This intensive 1-day workshop will focus on the basics of composting and the preparation of high-quality compost. During the morning, participants will review the do's and don'ts of composts at home or at the farm and the steps necessary for the production of compost that can naturally fight plant diseases. The afternoon will be hands-on demonstration for the preparation of potting mixes for greenhouse and transplant production. Participants will test various mixes for air space and water holding capacity.

The course cost is \$35 per person.


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