It Ain’t Over until the “Overs” have a Home

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Compost
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Screening Compost
The good

- Salable compost
- Meets market standards
- Clean > 1/2” Dirty <3/8”
  - More overs when fine
  - More contaminant in overs
What comes out the back-end
Non-salable Overs

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Not stable, but workable until…

- Lots of dead trees in forests, preferred feedstock
- Increased quality standards by biofuel plants: rejected
- No need for additional green energy needed
- Biofuel plans close

Woodageddon!
What comes in...

- Crap in ➔ Crap out
- Can get the compost clean, but the overs...
- The biofuel plants are not the future
- Recycling as mulch is recognizing the resource
- Emphasis on clean feedstock
- Post processing of overs
Processed, ‘clean’ overs

- Recycle back in the compost stream: accumulation
- Mulch
Chunky Mulch
When is clean clean enough
This?
What’s needed

- Instill respect for organics
- Aim for clean feedstock: starts at the source
- Get appropriate equipment: pre-grinder, post screen
- A lot of work, determination, experimentation
Is there a mulch market?

- Median strip (Roads)

- MWELO (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance)
  3 inches required by MWELO
  Must be from recycled organic materials if available
  New projects over 500 sf;
  Renovations over 2,500 sf

- Other
Thank you

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