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# Who's Who

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As a child in the Netherlands, Will Bakx was fascinated by the steaming compost piles on neighboring farms. Little did he know that he'd become an expert in creating such materials. Now the business

that he co-founded here, Sonoma Compost Company (SCC), is celebrating 25 years of converting local yard and agricultural discards into composts and mulches that nurture local farms and gardens. Each year, SCC diverts 33,000 tons of waste from landfills (helping us move towards a zero waste society) and produces 84,000 cubic yards of soil amendment products (nearly all allowed on organic farms).

Bakx has also co-founded several key composting and recycling organizations, gives workshops to community organizations, teaches composting at the Santa Rosa JC, and chairs its Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Committee.