



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

November 14, 2022

We received *150 pounds* of pumpkins at MCP last week during our Compost your Pumpkin drive!

Introduction

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Weekly Recap

Congratulations, team! Over the weekend, we had our final workshop of the year in Sunnyvale. Thank you to everyone who led a workshop this year! Last week, we also had 2 school workshops and 1 girl scout workshop. Kudos to all! We have one last event on our calendar this year: Our November MCP workday + lunch celebration. Please RSVP for the lunch.

2023

In-person attendance:
automatic 3 volunteer hours
+ 1 CE hour

(to include travel time)

Virtual attendance:
1.5 volunteer hours + 1 CE hour

Kids Composting:

1 volunteer hour

Monthly meetings *and Kids Composting meetings* will be held in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom)

2023 meetings - first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted:

- January 3
- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- July 11 – CHANGED since Fourth of July falls on a 1st Tuesday
- August 8
- September 5
- October 3
- November 14 – CHANGED since Election Day falls on a 1st Tuesday

Same time:

Kids group: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Monthly meeting: 6:30 - 8pm

Location:

*1553 Berger Drive, Bldg. #1,
San Jose 95112*

MCP Updates



- Reminder: You are *always* welcome to bring your organic waste to MCP and add it to a system (worm or backyard) if you have no way of composting it at home. Please just weigh it or otherwise record what you bring.
- **Pumpkin Drive!!**
 - Bring your carved up pumpkins after Halloween to compost at Martial Cottle Park! Collect them from your neighbors, your family, whoever & bring them out to MCP on a Wednesday workday or drop them off into the green waste toter on your own time
- Upcoming workdays
 - November 19, 10am to 12pm - Rajat Srivastava
 - Wednesday mornings, 9am to 12pm
- Wednesdays with Maya & Jenel:
 - Last week: sifting the CFT harvest, shredding paper, turning piles
 - This week: Checking temperatures, building a picnic bench, turning piles, CFT harvest



Programming:

Dates to add to
your calendar

November 19

End-of-the-year
celebration at MCP!

Join us for the last MCP workday of the year from 10am to 12pm, then stay for the lunch and celebration from **12:30pm to 2:30pm**. We will provide pizza and beverages, but you are welcome to bring appetizers or desserts to share if you'd like.

RSVP here:

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=39317>



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Compost use conserves water

There is no disputing the fact that using compost in agriculture is an effective water conservation measure. Especially in California.

[BioCycle](#)

How human composting could reduce death's carbon footprint

[CNN](#)

World needs ambitious 0% new plastic target by 2040: New appeal from leading global plastics experts

[EurekaAlert](#)
[Nature](#)



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