



# *Master Composter* NEWSLETTER

December 22, 2022

Thanks to Derek, we had 500 pounds of pumpkins to put into our hot piles, ASP, and CFT systems!

## Introduction

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## Year Recap

Thanks to all your wonderful efforts, we taught almost **20,000 residents** about composting at **85 different events** in 2022! All **1450 volunteer hours** this year have helped new composters compost **73.6 tons of organic waste** at home in 2022 alone, contributing to the **7723 tons of organic waste composted at home** by workshop attendees since 2015. Congratulations and thank you!!!

# Monthly Meetings

Zoom link: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/94256009384?pwd=L2lYY2wzQWxxVIRIRnJTKlRPykhTdz09>

Monthly meetings and Kids Composting meetings will be held in a hybrid format on the first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted

*Location:*

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

*Same time:*

*Kids group: 5:30 - 6:30pm  
Monthly meeting: 6:30 - 8pm*

**In-person attendance:**

3 volunteer hours (to include travel time) + 1 CE hour

**Virtual attendance:**

1.5 volunteer hours + 1 CE hour

**Kids Composting:**

1 volunteer hour

# MCP Updates



- Now launching our community composting program! Send along [this interest survey](#) to anyone you know who might be interested in joining the food scrap collection program (yourself included):
  - Perks: community-building, waste reduction, free compost
  - The flyer with more information is attached to the same email as this newsletter
- Third Saturday workdays & Wednesday morning workdays will be open to Master Composters *and* community members who have joined our program



# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Mapping the world's food production footprint on climate and environment

[EurekAlert](#)  
[Nature Sustainability](#)

Optimizing Food Waste Composting

[BioCycle](#)

Quiz: What's the best way to shrink your carbon footprint?

[New York Times](#)



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