



# *Master Composter* NEWSLETTER

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Nathan upcycling old pallets and Linda troubleshooting the CFT at Martial Cottle Park..

## Introduction

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## Week Recap

Thank you to Diane, Eric, and Dan for leading yet another great Sunnyvale workshop. Last Wednesday, we also had Linda and Nathan help out at Martial Cottle Park, turning piles, using power tools, and shredding newspaper. And on Tuesday, we had a monthly meeting with a speaker on bokashi. The recording is now posted online.

# Upcoming



## Open Workshops

- Saturday, April 15 - Compost Basics Workshop (Morgan Hill) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*
- Saturday, April 22 - Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS ONE MC*

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)

## Community Events

- Wednesday, April 19 (12pm - 3pm): Mission College Eco Fair (Santa Clara)
- Saturday, April 22 (11am - 3pm): Cupertino Earth Day
- Saturday, April 22 (10am - 12pm OR 15-minute on-stage demonstration): Milpitas Earth Day event
- Thursday, April 27 (11am - 1pm): Nutanix Earth Day (San Jose)
- Friday, April 28 (2:15 - 5:15): Indigo School Plant Sale (San Jose)
- Saturday, April 29 (12pm - 2pm): Pomeroy School Garden Day (Santa Clara)

Sign up for an event [here](#)

# Monthly Meeting Recap

[Watch the recording here.](#)

- Reminder to **add SB 1383 information to your workshop slides!** Brochures to give out to workshop and community event participants will be available soon. It's in the approval process right now.
- **Bins!** As of today, we have backyard composting bins available for our workshop attendees. For more information on our policy and for a picture of the bin, [click here.](#)
- Lots and lots of events in April. Please join us! There's no better way to celebrate Earth Day than teaching others about composting.
- We have **new flipcharts** for outdoor workshops or just if you'd prefer to use the flipchart to a PowerPoint.
  - Updated with SB 1383 information
  - Hopefully not as heavy as before
- **Log your hours!**
  - We want to order name badges and t-shirts but we cannot order you anything if we don't have proof that you're volunteering with us.
- **CE speaker on bokashi** -- the recording is now available online
  - Waiting for PDF slides from Tess, will send next week and post on our Google Drive.

# Important Resources & CEP News



- Reappointment is right around the corner (sorta)!  
Remember to continue to log your hours.

[Log your volunteer hours here!](#)

- You can find previous recorded CE speakers on the private Master Composter website.

[Watch the meeting recordings here](#)

- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared Google Drive.

[Explore the Google Drive here](#)

- Pam & Alyce walk through the Master Gardener library

[Watch the video here](#)

# MCP Updates



- We have a community composting workday this Saturday from 10am to 12pm. Please join us!! We already have a handful of community members signed up.
  - Bring your gloves and bring your energy! Teach community members about composting while you work aside them turning piles, feeding worms, and sifting compost.
  - If the weather acts up, I will let you know what our plan is.
  - Please let me know if you'll be there! This is really helpful for me to know what activities can get done and how much help we'll have.
- I will also be at the park on Wednesday for those who want to come, but I will save the really exciting stuff for Saturday :)



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Community Composters Grow Into A Movement.

[BioCycle](#)

## Sea Foam—Fantastic Algal Suds

Storms on the California coast whip up frothy sea foam, which is like a planktonic meringue

[Bay Nature](#)

## Food for Thought

Check out Veggielution's podcasts focused on food and our food systems. Last week, Jack and Marilyn were interviewed on home composting, a radio clip and podcast that will air later this month.

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