



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

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Nathan using power tools to finish fixing the CFT!

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Week Recap

Good news! Nathan finished fixing the CFT (the large worm bin) at Martial Cottle Park. So, thanks to him, and thanks to the Sunnyvale team for leading another Compost Basics workshop on Saturday. We also had a monthly meeting last week. If you did not attend, you can watch the recording on the Master Composter website.

Upcoming



Open Workshops

- Tuesday, June 27 (4pm - 6pm): Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS ONE MC*
- Saturday, July 22 (10am - 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (Palo Alto): *NEEDS TWO MCs*
- Saturday, July 22 (10am - 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (Saratoga): *NEEDS TWO MCs*

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)

Community Events

- Saturday, June 24 (9am - 11am): Native Plant and Pollinator Day (San Jose, MCP) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*

Sign up for an event [here](#)

Important Resources & CEP News



- Reappointment is right around the corner! 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](#)

- Tip: Bookmark & save the monthly meeting Zoom link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

MCP Updates



- With the help of many hands, we've finally fixed the CFT (the big worm bin)! A couple of months ago, Jack and I started unloading the CFT after compaction made it impossible for the harvesting bar to run across it. Every week since then, we've been sifting through multiple cubic feet of finished vermicompost. At the volunteer workday and appreciation lunch last month, some MCs took apart the CFT to find that corroded metal had actually cracked. A couple of weeks ago, Patrick and Nathan replaced the old, automated system, with the new, manual system. Nathan finished the job after having the grind down pieces of metal to make the new system fit. We're ready to start the bin up again this week!
- Next community workday: June 17
 - Marilyn has volunteered to go out. Please join her if you are available!



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NEWS

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5 social media gardening hacks fact-checked by an NC State expert

[The News & Observer](#)

OSU-Cascades researcher explores AI solution for tracking and reducing household food waste

[EurekaAlert](#)



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