



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

August 7, 2023

Tabling at the Santa Clara County Fair! We were put next to the reptile exhibit.

Introduction

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Week Recap

This weekend we finished tabling at the County Fair, which was a lot of fun (as you can see from the pictures). Thank you to Nathan, Michele, Megan, and Marilynn for tabling over the week and weekend, and to Terry, Jennifer, and Chris for leading a fantastic Compost Basics workshop. Last week we had a meeting with CE speaker Michael Cohen. The recording can be found on our [website](#).

Upcoming



Open Workshops

- Saturday, September 9 (10am - 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (Sunnyvale) - NEEDS ONE MC
- Saturday, September 23 (10am - 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose, Santa Teresa Branch Library) - NEEDS TWO MCs
- Thursday, October 5 (5pm - 7pm): Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) - NEEDS TWO MCs

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)

Community Events

- Saturday, September 16 (2pm - 6:30pm): Ecological Fair (Los Altos): NEEDS TWO MCs
- Saturday, October 7 (9am - 11:30am OR 11:30am - 2pm): MCP Fall Festival - Activity tabling at MG site

Sign up for an event [here](#)

Important Resources & CEP News



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!

[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 **Continuing Education Zoom** link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

MCP Updates



- Please bring your foodscraps out to MCP! We need more food scraps to feed our large CFT worm bin and our many small worm bins.
- Join us on Wednesdays at the park! Jenel, Jack, Jack's dog, Nathan, and I are there most weeks from 9am to 2pm, with special guest appearances by various Master Composters, community volunteers, and others interested in what we've got going on. Just let me know when you plan to come in case we have to cancel or if we have something special going on that day.
- This week we will be feeding worms, shredding newspaper, and fixing things! Woo!
- Next third Saturday workday: August 19



COMPOST

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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Researchers create plastic alternative that's compostable in home and industrial settings

An interesting read after last week's presentation on PLA "compostable" plastics!

[USA Today](#)

New process makes 'biodegradable' plastics truly compostable

More on "compostable" plastics since it seems to be a hot topic! Dr. Michael Cohen's presentation was very technical, so these articles are to help explain more of the science. (Heads up -- this particular article is 2 years old).

[Berkeley News](#)



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