



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

August 21, 2023

Thank you to everyone who came out for our workday & meeting on Saturday!

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Week Recap

We had a great workday and meeting at the park on Saturday. Thank you to all who came! Please join us for next month's workday on September 16. Another shoutout to Mint and Derek for leading a Vermicomposting workshop in Santa Clara on Saturday. I'm so grateful to be working with all of you dedicated composters!

Upcoming



Open Workshops

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

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)
Community Events

- Wednesday, September 6 (12pm - 3pm): Belmont Blooms (Sunnyvale) - NEEDS ONE MORE MC
- Saturday, September 9 (1pm - 4:30pm): Silicon Valley Fall Festival - NEEDS TWO MCs
- Saturday, September 16 (2pm - 6:30pm): Ecological Fair (Los Altos) - Could use extra help for this long event
- Saturday, September 23 (12pm - 2pm): Pomeroy School Community Garden Event - NEEDS ONE MORE MC

Sign up for an event [here](#)

meeting recap

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- Initial Training (Master Composter course) - Spring 2024
 - Applications will be open October 1 - 31, 2023.
 - *We are looking for mentors!* More information to be discussed at the next meeting, but here's the gist: We'd like to pair Master Composters with a group of trainees to help answer any questions and encourage them to volunteer. The only commitments mentors will have are to attend the first Initial Training class (March 16, 2024) and to check up with each new MC for the first 6 months to 1 year of being a volunteer. Mentors will be assigned to a group of ~5 trainees, which will hopefully be decided based on location within the county (i.e., people who live in the West Valley cities would be grouped together) to encourage team-building.
 - New classes for 2024 IT: SB1383 and Adult Education/Presentation Skills
 - Reminder that any MC can attend a IT class for CE credit!
- Fall Festival: October 7, at MCP - We'd love to see you there! Please sign up [here](#) if you'd like to help.
 - We will be tabling at the front by the visitors center as well as on the Master Gardener parcel
 - We'll be having a tour of the parcel at 11am, which will be led from the MG parcel and the visitors center

Important Resources



- **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](#)

- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education Zoom** link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

- **CE ideas?** Email them or fill out this survey:

[Continuing Education suggestions](#)

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! Unfortunately, I will be unable to continue to be out at MCP on Wednesdays, but Jenel will continue to go out and keep the parcel in good shape. Let her know if you plan to come out on a Wednesday.
- Next third Saturday workday: September 16 - Come on out!



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Connections: How Much N and P Are In Urban Residuals?

The quantity of nitrogen and phosphorus in food waste is much less than expected. In terms of nutrient capture, it is time to talk toilets. Part II

[BioCycle](#)

Can Soil Microbes Survive in a Changing Climate?

A new study out of the University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences examines the biology of the invisible world of soil microbes and how they might respond to global changes on the planet.

[EurekaAlert](#)



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