



# Compost Education Initial Training 2024

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*UCCE Santa Clara*

## Instructor information

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## General information

### Description

This training will give you the necessary knowledge and skills to educate the public about composting systems from the perspective of peer reviewed science, current legislature, and agricultural extension.

Our team will communicate via email every Friday following up the Thursday evening lectures with any announcements and homework assignments for the following week. Trainees will get guidance from the coordinator, Victoria Roberts, class admin assistant Jenel Vincze, and their Master Composter mentors, who they will be assigned to on Day 1.

### Expectations and goals

Weekly assignments and attendance on Thursday evenings over zoom, attendance of 1 third Saturday Workdays and 2 field trips. All trainees are required to attend 1 workday, 1 worm composting community workshop, 1 tabling event, 1 school activity, and 1 compost basics community workshop. The course will have regular reading, reading responses, and a final project and examination before graduation in June.

### Training Requirements

- Day 1 training day on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Martial Cottle Park
- Weekly attendance at zoom lecture on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Assigned readings and homework questions.
- Field trips (2)
- | 1 Compost Workday | 1 Compost Basics Workshop | 1 Vermicompost Workshop | 1 tabling event |
- Final examination and Final Project due in June 2024

## Homework

Materials for this course will be distributed digitally via our weekly email announcements. You will receive an email with the links to the readings and assignments for which chapters from the Compost Education Handbook you should read from. Reading responses will be assigned weekly via Google Forms. Homework will not be graded but will correspond with questions that will be on the final exam.

## Course schedule

| Date     | Topic   | Time/Place                           |
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| 03.16.24 | Introduction to the Master Composter Training | 10:00 am-12:00 pm, MCP               |
| 03.21.24 | History of Organic Waste Management           | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 03.28.24 | CA Senate Bill 1383                           | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 04.04.24 | Introduction to Soils                         | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 04.06.24 | Field Trip #1                                 | 9:30-10:30 am, Zanker Recycling      |
| 04.11.24 | Life Cycle of Compost                         | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 04.18.24 | Compost & the Environment                     | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 04.20.24 | 3rd Saturday Community Workday                | 10:00 am-12:00 pm, MCP               |
| 04.25.24 | Composting Systems                            | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 05.02.24 | No Class                                      | Check in with Mentor                 |
| 05.09.24 | Composting Materials and Preparation          | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 05.16.24 | Vermicomposting                               | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 05.18.24 | 3rd Saturday Community Workday                | 10:00 am-12:00 pm, MCP               |
| 05.23.24 | Starting a Home Composting System             | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 05.30.24 | Community-scale Composting                    | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |
| 06.01.24 | Field Trip #2                                 | 12:30 pm-2:00 pm, Taylor Street Farm |
| 06.06.24 | Compost Application and Utilization           | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom                |

| Date     | Topic                              | Time/Place             |
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| 06.13.24 | Extension Education                | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom  |
| 06.15.24 | 3rd Saturday Community<br>Workday  | 10:00 am-12:00 pm, MCP |
| 06.20.24 | Presentations                      | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Zoom  |
| 06.22.24 | Graduation Celebration/<br>Workday | 10:00 am-12:00 pm, MCP |

## Additional information and resources

Compost Education Website: [https://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Home\\_Composting\\_Education/](https://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Home_Composting_Education/)

2024 Compost Education Workshop Schedule:

[https://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Home\\_Composting\\_Education/Composting\\_Workshops/](https://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Home_Composting_Education/Composting_Workshops/)

Santa Clara County Recycling and Waste Reduction Committee Website

<https://reducewaste.santaclaracounty.gov/home>