



Master Composter

October 14th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Megan Swift and Pavan teach worm composting at Mountain View's Heritage Park

Introduction

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Week Recap

- Miller, Victoria R. and Michael Cohen visited the James Ranch to start a compost program at their boys facility
- Mohit taught his first class at Milpitas Christian School!!!
- Sunnyvale team Dan, Diane, and Eric taught their classic Compost Basics Workshop in Sunnyvale
- CEP decided to build another ASP pile at MCP to process our incoming cattle manure

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

We have enough volunteers for the remainder of the workshop year but feel free to sign on if you want to lend an extra hand!

You can pull up the 2025 tab to see which workshops we are working on scheduling. You can view and add your own compost presentation slides on our Google Drive [here](#)

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Pomeroy Community Garden Day #2	Santa Clara	Saturday, April 5, 2025	Outdoor
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Upcoming: Kids Composting

Joseph Weller Elementary School	5th Grade	Vermicomposting	345 Boulder Street	Milpitas
Russo/McEntee Academy	K-2 & 3-5	Vermicomposting	2851 Gay Ave	San Jose
Del Mar High School	High school	Vermicomposting	1224 Del Mar Avenue	San Jose
Sakamoto elementary	2nd grade	Vermicomposting	6280 Shadelands Dr	San Jose
Discovery Charter School	K-1	Vermicomposting	4021 Teale Avenue	San Jose
Hillbrook School	Kindergarten	Vermicomposting	300 Marchmont Drive	Los Gatos

Important Resources



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!
- You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.
- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.
- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education** **Zoom** link
- Rot Crew Calendar:



Log your volunteer hours here!

Watch the meeting recordings here

Explore the Google Drive here

First Tuesday CE Link
First Tuesdays each month

6:30-8:00 P.M

Meeting ID: 919 3088 0896

Rot Crew Calendar Link

Signup Sheet Links

WORKSHOP SIGNUP

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

EVENT SIGNUP



MCP Updates



THIS
WEEKEND

Third Saturday Work Day and Volunteer Recognition Celebration October 19th

- Please join us for a fun celebration of your efforts!
- 11:30-12:30 after 3rd Saturday Workday
- Please RSVP yes or no! We want to know even if you can't come.
- We will provide an entree dish. Come join for fun, celebration, gratitude, and companionship!

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 9am -11
- Weather permitting
- Check the rot crew google calendar for more information
- This Wednesday, we will be preparing our DIY Worm Bin Build Workshop for September 7th
- **Come water our new trees! They need water at least twice a week. Get some volunteer hours by helping us water them.**
- **Remember to safely lock the gate with the chain wrapped though both fence holes and the locked faced left to right so the letters face the upright direction for the next person can unlock it.**

Remember to post **scan the QR code by the worm CFT** any time you come to Martial Cottle Park to let us know what you've done there!

- **Bring newspapers Martial Cottle Park!**



EVALUATIONS

FEEDBACK FROM YOU AND FOR

YOU



What we learned from our most recent workshops:

- We are selling worms now to attendees of our worm compost workshops, so if people ask, they are \$35 per pound and the request form is currently on our website.
- Recently, a lot of folks have been confused about the differences between worm and back yard composting. Make sure to address these differences and clarify that they are different composting systems!



Remember that we're always learning and growing and so this feedback is very informative for helping us be the best educators we can be!



**Last chance to RSVP for our end of year
volunteer recognition event this Saturday,
October 19th!**



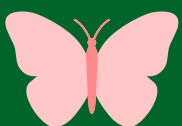
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COMPOST

in the

NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

California's organics diversion mandate enters its 'adolescent age,' updated with new laws

The state's law mandating the diversion of organic waste is no longer in its infancy, but several newly passed laws indicate there are still growing pains ahead.

By Jacob Wallace



Why Are US Agricultural Emissions Dropping?

The EPA's annual emissions report points to declines in cattle numbers and fertilizer use, data that could inform major climate events this fall.

By Grey Moran



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