



Master Composter

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NEWSLETTER

Master Composter Volunteer Appreciation at Martial Cottle Park

Introduction

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Week Recap

- CEP decided to collaborate with Urban Farms to put on a Compost Application Workshop at MCP \, Date TBD
- Super productive Third Saturday Workday with ASP system build-just the beginning!
- 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch with lots to celebrate!

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](#)

We are planning an in person Compost Application workshop and could use an extra hand.

Date TBD, currently thinking 11/23 or 12/7

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
Toyon Elementary	2nd & 3rd grade	Vermicomposting	995 bard st	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



Third Saturday Work Day November 16th

- **Last MCP Workday of 2024!**
- **CEP Monthly Meeting after**

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 9:30 am -12:00
- Weather permitting
- Check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information
- **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.
- It can be really beneficial to form a group based on your local area! That way, you can coordinate your workshops together, plan for carpooling, and serve your local area together. Sunnyvale is a great example.



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!



We Appreciate you!

Even if you were not at the celebration on Saturday, we want you to know how special you are to us. Special shoutout to our IT mentors this year for helping induct our new class! Here are the special award categories to folks to went above and beyond volunteering this year!



Keep up the amazing work! Everyone who RSVP'd got a certificate with an appreciation. If you weren't able to make one but you want a certificate to acknowledge your work with us, let me know!- V.R.





COMPOST

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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Just 5% of America's food waste is composted. Which states are getting it done?

Americans composted about 3.3 million tons of food waste in 2019, according to the Environmental Protection Agency's most recent estimates.

That may seem like a lot, but consider that between residential areas, commercial food service, and food retail, Americans generated 66.2 million tons of wasted food in the same year.

By Paxtyn Merten



[Clayton News Daily](#)

Food waste responsible for 14% of US methane emissions: ReFED

The report, produced with Global Methane Hub, identifies the top emission reduction solutions both upstream and downstream of consumers.

By [Jacob Wallace](#)



[WasteDive](#)