



# Master Composter

October 28th, 2024

## NEWSLETTER



Building our new ASP system 10/119/14

## Introduction

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## Week Recap



- CEP decided to collaborate with Urban Farms to put on a Compost Application Workshop at MCP , Date confirmed 11/23/24
- Terry and Jennifer starred in our final Palo Alto Compost Workshop of the year
- 4-H Ranch received cattle-offering us lots of fresh manure for our winter composting!

# 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 confirmed: 11/23 at MCP

# Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Our City Forest Fall Fest	San Jose	Saturday, November 9, 2024	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.
- Make sure to coordinate with each other and exchange contact information before the workshop in case something comes up. This can be very helpful for planning and prepping your workshop.



**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!**

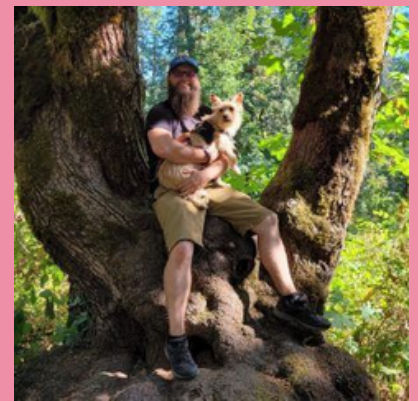


## November CE on Tuesday, 11/12/24

### Guest Speaker:

#### Adam B. Cobb PhD – Fungi in the Soil

Improving plant-mycorrhizal symbioses can reverse soil degradation and help regenerate our world, because mycorrhizal fungi improve host-plant nutrition and stabilize soil ecosystems. Adam's research primarily explores how the genetics and management of grasses, from annual grain crops to perennial pastures, influence the abundance, diversity, functions, and benefits of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi in agroecosystems. His findings indicate that plant selective breeding can boost the growth and nutritional advantages of mycorrhizal partnership to deliver substantial economic and environmental benefits for farmers and communities around the world.





# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

## UCCE popularizes at-home composting in Santa Clara County

Based at Martial Cottle Park in San Jose, UCCE's [Composting Education Program](#) is a volunteer-driven program that educates and supports Santa Clara County residents in composting.

By **Linda Forbes**



[UCANR News](#)

## The scandal of food waste – and how we can stop it

In traditional societies, little to no food goes to waste. Every edible part of an animal or plant is utilised. Researchers found that the members of a Maasai cattle herding community in northern Tanzania were outraged at the thought of intentionally wasting food, calling those who would do so “lunatics”. Some even said it was worse than killing a person, because murder leads to one death, whereas wasting food could result in several.

By **Julian Baggini**



[The Guardian](#)



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