



Master Composter

December 9th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Compost Pile topped with fig leaves

Introduction

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Week Recap

- We got a new roof over our compost bay!
- We decided to have several fieldtrips in 2025 to serve as additional CE opportunities- feel free to reply to this email if you have a suggestions. Theme: Circular Economy of Santa Clara County
- We decided to have the first combined CE/Monthly Meeting January 7th, 2025

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

We have completed our regular 2024 Workshop Year!

You can view and add your own compost presentation slides on our Google Drive [here](#)

POSTPONED- Special in-person Compost Application workshop due to rain

Date TBD Weather Permitting Possibly Januray 2025

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Pomeroy Community Garden Day #2	Santa Clara	Saturday, April 5, 2025	Outdoor
Mission College Eco Fair	Santa Clara	Tuesday, April 22, 2025	Outdoor
MG Spring Garden Fair	San Jose	Saturday, April 26, 2025	Outdoor

Upcoming: Kids Composting

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 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



No Third Saturday Work Day in December

- **Enjoy your holiday and stay cozy!**
- **Your browns and greens make great x-mas gifts for our demo site :)**

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 9:30 am -12:00
- Weather permitting (Probably cancelled this week, check forecast)
- Check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information
- **Come water our new trees! They need water at least once 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.**
- **Interested in joining our new Martial Cottle Park team? Fill out [this interest form](#) to be on a steering committee to help us develop our CEP parcel!**

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:

- It's good to experiment with composting across the seasons so that you can be prepared to answer compost questions with first hand experience!
- Spend this break relaxing but also feel free to update your slide decks for next year! What worked? What connected with people? What would make your slides and demo better?



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!



Next CE 1/7/25

Look for New Link for all 2025 in next issue

Winter Holiday is a great way to catch up on CE!

Jenel has made some updates about what we will consider for CE credit if you choose a source outside of our regular programming (e.g. a book, event, webinar, etc.)

In order for things to be counted as CE, they must meet a certain criteria.

- Compost Related
- They must be presented by an .EDU or the equivalent (research based information)
- They must be advertised to our whole group after approval
- A short presentation must be given at the next group MM or CE zoom.





COMPOST

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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

How to stop compost freezing in winter – 5 ways to keep your heap productive during the coldest months

There are lots of things to get in order in the yard for the winter season. While preparing your plants for frost might be at the top of your list, something you may have forgotten about is your compost bin.

By Tenielle Jordison



Homes & Gardens

A bucket mystery: Compost container thefts baffle D.C. residents

A citywide pilot program to collect food scraps from District residents has run into a completely unexpected problem: bucket theft.

Big-time bucket theft.

By Joe Heim



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