



# *Master Composter*

December 16th, 2024

## NEWSLETTER

Jack takes on the goliath task of starting our new ASP experiment

## Introduction

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## Week Recap

- We started building our ASP for an experiment using a biochar co-composting process
- We got another massive donation of pumpkins from Jacob's Farm (our MCP neighbors)
- We made some progress with the Composting Handbook with a major contribution from Dr. Josh Garcia on Community Composting

# Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

2025 Workshop Calendar is still getting finalized but is now up on the [registration Calendar of our website!](#)

Check you schedules and [sign up now](#)

# Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Saratoga Foothill Garden Club: Composting in Saratoga	Saratoga	Tuesday, January 28, 2025	Indoor
SCCOE Environmental Literacy Summit	San Jose	Saturday, April 5, 2025	Indoor
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

Del Mar High School	High school	Vermicomposting	1224 Del Mar Avenue	San Jose
Toyon Elementary	2nd & 3rd grade	Vermicomposting	995 bard st	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: 977 3494 2552**

**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
- **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 this year:

- If you look at your city's calendar and see relevant events that you want to volunteer at, try to coordinate with the organizer and have them fill out our community event survey.
- Check the workshop calendar early and see which ones are in your area, sign up if you're available and invite a buddy from our program to sign on with you!
- If you want to be more involved but don't know how, ask Victoria and she'll find something!

**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**

**New Link for all 2025**

**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

## 5 years after its legalization in Washington, human composting takes root

Recompose, the world's first facility to offer what's colloquially known as "human composting," is a funeral home that doesn't want to look like a funeral home.

By Brendan Kiley



Seattle Times

## Food waste hacks: How to save money and protect the planet

We waste about a third of all of our food worldwide. Food waste expert Dana Gunders shares her approach to help us save money and keep groceries out of landfills.

By Dana Gunders



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