



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

July 19, 2022

Introduction

Welcome to another week! Here's what this newsletter covers:

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Weekly Recap

Last week we had a successful Monthly Meeting as well as a Martial Cottle Park Steering Committee Meeting. Kudos to Rebecca, Linda, and Marilynn for attending both! Hopefully my explanation of different online resources after the Monthly Meeting wasn't too confusing. At the MCP meeting, we discussed future layout plans for the composting demonstration site. We recently received grant funding to develop the parcel, so we have exciting plans, including planting trees, building a shade structure, and adding a garden.

Martial Cottle Park Updates

Among many other aspects of this program, we are really trying to develop Martial Cottle Park and make it an educational and community-centric site. Please fill out the survey below to help us organize meetings and workdays for MCP.

[Fill out the MCP survey.](#)

Per our grant funding, we need to start recording hours, inputs, and outputs from MCP. A clipboard and log is now available out at the parcel for anyone going out to compost. We will have a scale out there soon, but for now feel free to measure input and output however you think best. Here's what we need to log:

- Hours worked & activity (composting, coordinating, education, etc.)
- Food scrap input (by weight, volume if no scale)
- Compost produced (by weight, volume if no scale)

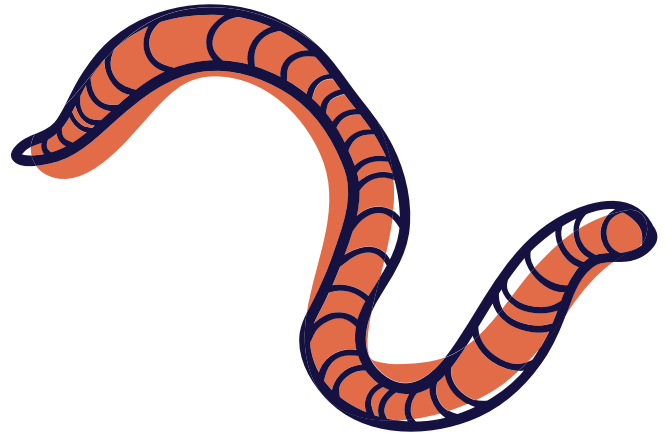
We are also looking to put teams together to lead different parts of the demonstration site. Each team will be in charge of logging activity and keeping up their section. Please let me know if you are interested in joining any of the teams. The categories so far are as follows:

- Continuous Flow Through system (CFT)
- Aerated Static Piles (ASP)
- Knox (3-bin system)
- Garden

Upcoming

- July 23 - Compost Basics Workshop (Zoom, Milpitas) - *NEEDS VOLUNTEERS*
- July 30 - Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose)*
- August 6 - Compost Basics Workshop (Santa Clara) - *NEEDS VOLUNTEERS*

*We have Derek, a veteran Master Composter, signed up for the July 30 Composting Basics workshop at Joyce Ellington Branch Library in San Jose. This is a great opportunity for a new Master Composter to shadow and help Derek out before leading a workshop entirely on their own.



[Sign up for a workshop here!!](#)

Other Open Workshops

These are workshops (other than the ones listed above) that have not been signed up for yet. Please check your calendars to see if you are able to lead or assist with any of these.

- Saturday, August 20 - Compost Basics Workshop (Palo Alto)
- Saturday, October 15 - Compost Basics Workshop (Mountain View)
- Saturday, October 22 - Worm Composting Workshop (San Jose)
- Saturday, November 5 - Compost Basics Workshop (Morgan Hill)



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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Companion planting,
composting keeps aphids at
bay

[The Spokesman-Review](#)

Companion
Planting Guide

[Farmer's Almanac](#)

Does this kitchen counter
composter really work?

[bon appetit](#)

The effects of compost
incorporations on soil properties in
urban soils – A concise review

[Journal of Environmental Management](#)



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