



August 1, 2022

# *Master Composter*

## NEWSLETTER

### Introduction

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

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### Weekly Recap

Derek lead a wonderful worm composting workshop on Saturday! Thank you to everyone who has signed up for workshops. We have a Kids Composting meeting and Master Composter monthly meeting tomorrow, August 2. See you there! Here are some additional reminders:

- Please sign up for workshops!
- Fill out the MCP survey [here](#).
- If you cancel on a workshop that you had previously signed up for, you need to help me find a replacement.
- Enjoy your week!

# Upcoming



- August 6 - Worm Composting Workshop (Santa Clara)
- August 13 - Compost Basics Workshop (Sunnyvale)
- August 18 (Thursday) - Worm Composting Workshop (San Jose)\*
- **August 20 - Compost Basics Workshop (Palo Alto) - NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**
- August 27 - Compost Basics Workshop (Cupertino)\*

\*These workshops have ONE volunteer signed up so another MC should sign up to assist — again, this is a GREAT opportunity for new Master Composters!!

## Community Events:

- September 17 (time TBD) - Movie Night at MCP
- October 1 (9am to 2pm) - MCP Fall Festival
- October 22 (1pm to 4pm) - Martin-Fontana Park Association Annual Heart-of-the-Park (kids focus)

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

# Other Open Workshops

These are workshops 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)

# Monthly Meeting

# Agenda

August 2, 2022



5:15 - 5:30

Social hour with the Kids  
Composting team

5:30 - 6:30

Kids Composting team meeting

6:30 - 7:00

Announcements & updates

- Bookmark
- MCP log for hours, food waste, and compost produced
- MCP team for garden planning — come to 8/10 steering committee meeting if interested
- MCP workday August 20
- Workshops still open: August 20, October 15, October 22, November 5
- Copyright update

7:00 - 8:00

Guest Speaker David S. Baker from ReSoil Sacramento, a community composting organization — Bring your questions!





# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Natural clean-up: Bacteria can remove plastic pollution from lakes

Science Daily  
*Nature Communications*

New methodology helps predict soil recovery after wildfires

EurekAlert  
*Applied and Environmental Microbiology*

New bioremediation material to clean up 'forever chemicals'

Researchers at Texas A&M developed a fungal material that cleans up persistent chemicals found in many household items.

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