



# *Master Composter* NEWSLETTER

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## Weekly Recap

August 22, 2022

We are now entering a busier season for the Compost Ed Program! Community events are ramping up after a quiet summer and school requests are coming in again. The MCP compost demonstration site is getting a makeover thanks to our community composting grant. And, as always, we have our usual weekly workshops, which are *\*almost\** all filled.

New MCs are encouraged to try out all the different volunteer opportunities to find your best fit. Maybe one-on-one tabling is more your speed than the presentation-style workshops, or maybe you enjoy teaching with hands-on experiences at our MCP workdays. You never know until you try it!

# *Upcoming*



## 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, October 15 - Compost Basics Workshop  
(Mountain View)
- Saturday, October 22 - Worm Composting Workshop  
(San Jose)

## Community Events

- September 17 (7pm to 9pm) - Movie Night at MCP
- October 1 (9am to 2pm) - MCP Fall Festival

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

# MCP Updates



- Upcoming workdays
  - September 17 - Marisa Gonzalez
  - October 15 - Linda Bookman
  - November 19 - Rajat Srivastava
- The upcoming workdays are now staffed, so I will start to advertise to the community. Please join these volunteers when you can to help them lead a team of enthusiastic community members.
- Jenel and I will be out at MCP every Wednesday morning to get some work done. Anyone is welcome to join!
  - Last week we hung up tools in the shed and continued to work with the pile of horse manure.



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\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Wireless tech measures soil moisture at multiple depths in real time.

[North Carolina State University](#)

Investigation into plastic pollution moves inland.

[EurekAlert](#)

*Environmental Science and Pollution Research*

Trash or Recycling? Why Plastic Keeps Us Guessing.

This interactive article gives a little history and a look into the future of plastic.

[The New York Times](#)



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