

# *Master Composter* NEWSLETTER

September 5, 2022



Our pile of horse manure at MCP is starting to break down on its own! We recorded 110F last Wednesday. That's some hot stuff!

## Introduction

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## Weekly Recap

Believe it or not, it is already September! A new month means another Master Composter monthly meeting. Join us tomorrow, September 6, at 6:30pm for a CE talk on cover cropping during drought and a discussion following. The agenda is included.

# Upcoming



## Open Workshops

These are workshops that have not been filled 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) - *NEEDS LEAD*
- Saturday, October 22 - Worm Composting Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS BOTH LEAD & SECOND MC*
- Saturday, November 5 - Compost Basics Workshop (Morgan Hill) - *NEEDS SECOND MC*
- Saturday, November 5 - Compost Basics Workshop (Los Altos Hills) - *NEEDS SECOND MC*

## Community Events

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

OTHER (optional):

- September 24 (10am to 12:30pm) - San Jose Conservation Corps ASP system work day @ 1560 Berger Drive, San Jose

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

# September 6

## Master Composter Monthly Meeting

This month's CE speaker:  
MG Candance Simpson speaking  
on **cover cropping your home  
garden**

- 6:30pm - 7pm: Updates and announcements
  - MCP
  - Looking to record workshops for online viewing (future project)
  - Only a few more open workshops this year
  - Community events!
    - September 17 - MCP Movie Night
    - September 24 - San Jose Conservation Corps workday
    - October 1 - MCP Fall Festival! Marilyn & Megan Marwede will be tabling at the Visitors Center. Our parcel will be open, so we need greeters there who can give a little tour of our parcel
- 7pm - 8pm: Speaker: Candance Simpson, Master Gardener

# MCP Updates



- Upcoming workdays
  - September 17 - Marisa Gonzalez
  - October 15 - Linda Bookman
  - November 19 - Rajat Srivastava
- Wednesday workdays with Maya & Jenel:
  - Last week: Turned and added more horse manure to the compost piles
  - This week: More composting!



# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Electrical bacteria may help clean oil spills and curb methane emissions.

[Science News](#)

Urban crops can have higher yields than conventional farming.

[Science Daily](#)  
*Earth's Future*

Eat your greens and wash them, too

The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) posts some news articles on soils and agriculture-related content. This article talks about research on lead contamination in urban versus rural-grown vegetables.

[SSSA](#)



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