



# *Master Composter* NEWSLETTER

September 19, 2022

Visible decomposition: Compost from the ASP pile harboring some beneficial microbes.

## Introduction

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## Weekly Recap

What an exciting day we had on Saturday! Marisa Gonzalez and Megan Swift came out to help guide our community volunteers on the harvest of one ASP system. Megan also came to MCP to table for her first event. Also, thanks to Linda Bookman, the watering on MCP's CFT system is fixed. Full speed ahead!

# 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 22 - Worm Composting Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS LEAD MC*
- Saturday, November 5 - Compost Basics Workshop (Morgan Hill) - *NEEDS SECOND MC*
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## Community Events

- October 1 (9am to 2pm) - MCP Fall Festival

## Kids Composting

- We are being inundated with school requests! Please consider helping the Kids Composting team if you don't already help with workshops or tabling events

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



# MCP Updates



- Upcoming workdays
  - October 15 - Linda Bookman
  - November 19 - Rajat Srivastava
- Last Saturday's Community Composting Workday
  - We had a community member come out to help us harvest finished compost from one of the ASP piles
- Wednesdays with Maya & Jenel:
  - Last week: Turned piles and fixed some irrigation problems, all while discussing great opportunities for MCP!
  - This week: Come out to help us harvest more compost from the ASP system. *BYOCC*: Bring Your Own Compost Container, if you want to take some home (:



# What's left in 2022

As of today, we have **9 workshops** (of which 3 still need a second volunteer) and 2 official MCP community workdays left in 2022.

The school year is just getting started, so don't get me started on the number of schools we have to do!

**October 1st** - The big day for Martial Cottle Park! Come out to MCP for the Fall Festival from 9am to 2pm. Megan Marwede and Marilynn will be tabling at the Visitors' Center & I will be at the parcel. Please let me know if you plan to volunteer!

For programming:

- **October 4 - Monthly Meeting**
- **November 15 - Monthly Meeting/Celebration**





# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

## California's dead will have a new burial option: Human composting

On Sunday, September 18, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB351, which will allow human composting by 2027

[LA Times](#)

## Breaking a vicious cycle of climate change in Zimbabwe.

[Long Now](#)

## California closes another banner year for waste and recycling legislation with numerous bills

[Waste Dive](#)



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