



# *Master Composter* NEWSLETTER

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Megan and Marilynn back in action as our community event tabling picks up again.

## Introduction

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## Weekly Recap

Last week we were able to harvest a lot more of the ASP pile, thanks to Bridget Matz coming out on Wednesday morning. Our community event tabling is picking up again, and Megan Marwede and Marilynn are on the job! They had a great turnout at Mountain View's Annual Harvest Festival.

I've put together a **volunteer feedback survey** in the hopes of getting a better idea of how the program is doing from your perspective and what we could do better in the future. It should only take **5 to 10 minutes to complete**, so please take a few minutes to fill it out! I want to hear from you so we can make decisions for the program that take your feedback into account. I think it will help our program be successful.

It is an **anonymous survey**, which means that you will not receive an email confirmation that you completed the survey.

**Click on this link to access the survey:**

**[https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8B6JwWln4uqoRlq](https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8B6JwWln4uqoRlq)**

# 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, can be done in shifts) - 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
- Wednesdays with Maya & Jenel:
  - Last week: Harvested some more of the ASP compost with Bridget Matz
  - This week: Beautification efforts and set up for the Fall Festival this Saturday
- Fall Festival!
  - This Saturday, October 1st, is Martial Cottle Park's annual Fall Festival! They will have 100+ SJ Made vendors, food trucks, a petting zoo, and lots of other fun activities.
  - Our parcel will be open to the public, and we'll be harvesting vermicompost from the CFT for an informal worm workshop and parcel tour.
  - Please let me know if you are able to volunteer for an hour or two (or more!) on Saturday.
  - If you can't stay long, stop by with your friends and family to say hi :)



# COMPOST

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# NEWS

\*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Microbes, memory and moisture: Predicting microbial moisture responses and their impact on carbon cycling.

*Functional Ecology*

Study connects decomposing body's BMI to surrounding soil microbes.

*EurekAlert*  
*mSphere*

A better understanding of crop yields under climate change: Research solves long-standing mystery of how water impacts agricultural production

*Nature*



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