

Master Composter NEWSLETTER

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A very muddy Martial Cottle Park, featuring our new signs and storm damage control.

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Week Recap

Last Tuesday, we had our first meeting of the year and the first with an in-person option since early 2020! The recording of our CE speaker, Tom Boehme, is now posted on our Master Composter website. Thank you to Marilyn, Jack, Patti, and Nathan for joining me at our office on Berger Drive! It's a lively group in-person :)

Upcoming



Open Workshops

Welcome back to the workshop season, which runs from the start of February to mid-November. Here are some upcoming workshops that need volunteers:

- Thursday, February 2 - Worm Composting Workshop (San Jose) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*
- Saturday, February 4 - Compost Basics Workshop (Los Altos Hills) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*
- Saturday, March 18 - Compost Basics Workshop (Santa Clara) - *NEEDS A SECOND MC*
- Saturday, March 25 - Compost Basics Workshop (Mountain View) - *NEEDS TWO MCs*

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

Community Events

- Saturday, March 18 (10am - 1pm) - Agricultural Day at Martial Cottle Park (San Jose)
- Friday, May 19 (11am - 2pm) - 7th Annual Be Strong Live Long Health & Wellness Fair (Santa Clara)

Monthly Meeting Recap

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- Updates & Announcements
 - Join us in-person for hybrid monthly meetings!
 - *Update from Cole*: Due to logistic difficulties, Cole will no longer be taking on the new Organic Materials Advisor position in San Jose. He will be leaving as a coordinator for the program, but will not be further than a phone call away! His last day will be at the end of January.
 - **2022 impact & recap**: Check out [this presentation](#) illustrating the huge impact Master Composters have made this year
 - 2023 workshops and events are live - Please sign up :)
- Continuing Education
 - The recording of Tom's talk on vermicompost myth-busting is now posted on the [Master Composter website](#)

MCP Updates



- Now launching our community composting program! Send along [this interest survey](#) to anyone you know who might be interested in joining the food scrap collection program (yourself included):
 - Perks: community-building, waste reduction, free compost
- Third Saturday workdays & Wednesday morning workdays will be open to Master Composters *and* community members who have joined our program
 - It will likely be raining Wednesday morning, so we might not be at MCP at the usual time. TBD.



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Turning plastic waste into a valuable soil additive

[EurekaAlert](#)
[UC Riverside](#)

Research could simplify process for calculating soil carbon credits

[EurekaAlert](#)
[University of Illinois](#)

Around 50% of soil-available phosphorus comes from mineral fertilizers in agricultural systems worldwide

[EurekaAlert](#)
[National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment](#)



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