March 27, 2023 Composition Composition NEWSLETTER

Spring has sprung and we are building new hot piles at MCP!

Introduction

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Week Recap

Thank you, Lee, for leading this weekend's vermicomposting workshop in Mountain View! Last week, Vivian also joined me for a worm demonstration for teens at the Los Gatos Library. Jack, Jenel, and I built new hot piles at Martial Cottle Park on Wednesday, including this open pile design shown above.



- Saturday, April 15 Compost Basics Workshop (Morgan Hill) -NEEDS ONE MC
- Saturday, April 22 Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) -NEEDS ONE MC

Sign up for a workshop <u>here</u> Community Events

- Wednesday, April 19 (12pm 3pm): Mission College Eco Fair (Santa Clara)
- Saturday, April 22 (11am 3pm): Cupertino Earth Day
- Thursday, April 27 (11am 1pm): Nutanix Earth Day (San Jose)
- Friday, April 28 (2:15 5:15): Indigo School Plant Sale (San Jose)
- Saturday, April 29 (12pm 2pm): Pomeroy School Garden Day (Santa Clara)
- Saturday, May 6 (10am 1pm): Health & Wellness Resource Fair (Morgan Hill)

Sign up for an event <u>here</u>

Important Resources & CEP News

• **Reappointment** is right around the corner! Remember to continue to log your hours.

Log your volunteer hours here!

• You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.

Watch the meeting recordings here

• Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.

Explore the Google Drive here

• Tip: Bookmark & save the monthly meeting Zoom link

Find the Zoom link here

MCP Updates



- Martial Cottle Park this Wednesday, 3/29: Depends on the weather
 - To-do list items:
 - Check & turn piles
 - Sift vermicompost
 - DIY worm bin instructions
- The next Saturday workday: April 15, 10am 12pm

 I'll need someone to lead this workday since I
 will most likely need to be leading the Morgan
 Hill workshop that day
 - I will send a to-do list for the day
 - Community members are already signed up to help



COMPOST in the NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Composting for food sovereignty in Atlanta

Institute for Local Self-Reliance

The First Community Composter Census Benefits and other key takeaways from ILSR's 2022 Community Composter Census. Part II

<u>BioCycle</u>

Is 'No-Dig' Gardening Really Possible?

Calling dried and ground food waste soil or compost right out of the machine is the equivalent of telling people that a raw potato will taste as good as a crispy French fry.

<u>New York Times</u>

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