

Master Composter NEWSLETTER

April 3, 2023



Ever wondered what a biodigester looks like? Well here's one located at Loaves & Fishes.

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Week Recap

On Saturday, Megan Swift and I led a special vermicomposting workshop at the Milpitas Library where the attendees got to build and take home small worm bins (provided by the library). Reminder that we have a monthly meeting tomorrow, April 4, from 6:30 to 8pm. Join us at 5:30 if you'd like to participate with the kids group.

Upcoming



Open Workshops

- 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 [here](#)

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 [here](#)

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Zoom link:
<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/96899753550>

APRIL 4, 2023

5:30 - 6:30 Kids group meeting

6:30 - 7:00 Updates & announcements

7:00 - 8:00 Continuing Education

Continuing Education:

Dan Hafeman, Progressive windrow composting

Updates & Announcements:

- Backyard bins have started going out to previous and current workshop attendees! (*Still no worm bins*)
- April is our busy month! Consider celebrating Earth Day (Month) by volunteering with us
- MCP Workday on 4/15 - Needs a lead
- New SB 1383 brochure - PDF sent out last week

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, 4/5
 - 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



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Recyclable? Try Refillable. The Quest for a Greener Cleaner.

[New York Times](#)

Bee Shortage in Almond Bloom

Here's an interesting article for all the beekeepers in the group -- and for everyone else, too, since this affects all who eat food

[Bee Culture](#)

The Joy of Zero-Waste Cooking

Tamar Adler's "The Everlasting Meal Cookbook" and other thrifty cookbooks breathe new life into every last leftover and scrap.

[New York Times](#)



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