

Building cold piles at MCP to show people what low maintenance composting looks like!

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Week Recap

Thanks to Dan and Eric for leading another Compost Basics workshop on Saturday in Sunnyvale, and thanks to Nathan for leading a Vermicomposting workshop on Thursday in San Jose! Reminder that we have an in-person meeting and DIY worm bin workshop this coming Saturday, 7/15, from 10am to 12pm at Martial Cottle Park. Please join us!!



- Saturday, July 22 (10am 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (Palo Alto): NEEDS ONE MC
- Saturday, July 22 (10am 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (Saratoga): NEEDS TWO MCs
- Saturday, July 29 (10am 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose): NEEDS ONE MC

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

Community Events

• July 26 - August 6 (various dates, times): Santa Clara County Fair -Please see event spreadsheet to sign up. We need lots of help!

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

Important Resources & CEP News

• Log your hours continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!

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



- Join us on Wednesdays at the park! Jenel, Jack, Jack's dog, Nathan, and I are there most weeks from 9am to 2pm, with special guest appearances by various Master Composters, community volunteers, and others interested in what we've got going on. Just let me know when you plan to come in case we have to cancel or if we have something special going on that day.
- On July 15, we will be having our monthly meeting, followed by a worm bin building workshop, which will count as CE. The monthly meeting portion from 10am to 11am will count as volunteer time, then the workshop (which will be open to community members) will follow from 11am to 12pm. Please join us! And, please let me know if you plan on coming.



COMPOST in the NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

What are soil pores?

This website explains aspects of soil science in an easily digestible way. This article covers soil pores, which are the spaces between soil particles and soil organic matter.

<u>Soils Matter</u>

Zero Waste Stadium Journey

Forestry student organizes zero waste weekend at a campus baseball stadium to illustrate potential for keeping recyclables and organics out of the landfill-bound trash stream.

<u>BioCycle</u>

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