



Master Composter NEWSLETTER

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Terry, Jennifer, and Chris show Palo Alto residents their worm bins at the latest PA workshop.

Introduction

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Week Recap

Dan, Diane, and Eric led another Sunnyvale workshop on Saturday -- thank you! This week, we have a workday at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday from 10am to 12pm. All are welcome! Come socialize with your fellow MCs while feeding worms and building compost piles. I'll be there starting at 9am. Please contact me for help if you haven't been to the park in a while.

Upcoming



Open Workshops

- Saturday, September 23 (10am - 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose, Santa Teresa Branch Library) - NEEDS TWO MCs
- Thursday, October 5 (5pm - 7pm): Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose) - NEEDS TWO MCs

Sign up for a workshop [here](#)
Community Events

- Wednesday, September 6 (12pm - 3pm): Bellmont Blooms (Sunnyvale) - NEEDS ONE MORE MC
- Saturday, September 9 (10am - 1pm, 1pm - 4:30pm): Silicon Valley Fall Festival - NEEDS TWO MCs per shift (at least 4 total)
- Saturday, September 16 (2pm - 6:30pm): Ecological Fair (Los Altos) - NEEDS TWO MCs
- Saturday, October 7 (9am - 11:30am OR 11:30am - 2pm): MCP Fall Festival - Activity tabling at MG site

Sign up for an event [here](#)

Important Resources



- **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](#)

- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education Zoom** link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

- **CE ideas?** Email them or fill out this survey:

[Continuing Education suggestions](#)

MCP Updates

- Please bring your foodscraps out to MCP! We need more food scraps to feed our large CFT worm bin and our many small worm bins.



- Join us on Wednesdays at the park! Unfortunately, I will be unable to continue to be out at MCP on Wednesdays, but Jenel will continue to go out and keep the parcel in good shape. Let her know if you plan to come out on a Wednesday.
- Next third Saturday workday: August 19 - Come on out!
- Jack and Nathan upgraded the trommel for sifting compost. It looks great!



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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Interdisciplinary team studies decomposition effects on soil

This article highlights a lab that studies how human body decomposition affects the soil and nearby environment. Very cool!

[EurekAlert](#)

'We're All Water-Bottle Freaks'

Americans are drinking more water. How best to contain it: That's the burning question.

This article is about the rising popularity of reusable water bottles, but the disturbing reality of how many plastic water bottles Americans buy.

[New York Times](#)



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