September 18, 2023 NEWSLETTER



Dan and one of our community volunteers working on the bike trommel.

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Week Recap

This week we had another virtual workshop, a tabling event, and a workday at the park! Thank you to Patti, Laura, and Mint for teaching the workshop, and to Chris and Megan for tabling! We had a great time out at MCP this Saturday, welcoming a handful of community members for the workday before our Master Composter meeting. You don't want to miss the next one!

Upcoming Open Workshops

- Saturday, September 23 (10am 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (San Jose, Santa Teresa Branch Library) - NEEDS ONE MC
- Saturday, October 21, 2023 (10am 12pm): Compost Basics Workshop (Morgan Hill) - NEEDS TWO MCs

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

- Saturday, October 7 (9am 2pm): Martial Cottle Park Fall Festival - Could use extra hands with the kids activities for this big, fun day!
- Saturday, October 28 (1pm 3:30pm): 13th Annual Martin-Fontana Parks Association Heart of the Park (San Jose) -NEEDS ONE MORE MC

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

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: October 21 Come on out!



COMPOST in the NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Recology compost heading to vineyards

California-based waste and recycling firm says compost can play a moisture retention role in vineyards.

<u>Waste Today</u>

BioCycle Nationwide Survey: Residential Food Waste Collection Access In The U.S.

The number of households in the U.S. with access to food waste collection grew by 49% since 2021 — from 10.0 million to 14.9 million. Part II

<u>BioCycle</u>

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