



Master Composter

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NEWSLETTER

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Week Recap

- The CEP team accepted roster of new volunteers for the 2024 initial training!
- Compost piles were turned at Martial Cottle and worms were fed
- The signups volunteer signups became available for 2024 signup!

Upcoming



January CE Meeting TOMORROW

Dr. Joshua Garcia will give a talk entitled "Soil Health, Composting, and Urban Agriculture."

- Join us January 9th for our first CE of the year!
- Link here: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/91930880896>
- Meeting ID: 19 3088 0896
- Start the year off by checking in with the program: School group meeting 6:00-6:30, announcements 6:30-7, CE Guest Speaker 7-8



Office closure January 15th for MLK Day!



Wednesday Workdays are back!

- Weather permitting
- check the rot crew google calendar for more information

Third Saturday Workday will be
January 20th

- Join us for community compost work volunteer hours
- Monthly meeting will be held on site

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](#)

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

CLICK LINKS BELOW

***2024 WORKSHOP, KIDS ACTIVITIES
AND COMMUNITY EVENT SIGNUPS ARE LIVE!***

2024 WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP SIGNUP

SCHOOL REQUESTS

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

2024 COMMUNITY EVENTS & SPECIAL LECTURES

EVENT SIGNUP



MCP Updates



- **Mentorship Program for 2024 Initial Training**
 - Let me know if you want to participate in being a mentor for new volunteers!
 - Required March 16th Training attendance at the park and 6 month check in
- **The code to the front gate at Martial Cottle Park has been changed.** You will need to contact Jenel to get the new code at jpvincze@ucanr.edu.
- Remember to post **scan the QR code by the worm CFT** any time you come to Martial Cottle Park to let us know what you've done there!
 - (food scrap drop off, workday tasks, if you've taken compost, etc.)
 - You can also do this [via the volunteer hours log](#) linked above
- **Bring newspapers to Martial Cottle Park!** The worms like to be updated on current events! (juuust kidding)



COMPOST

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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

The Invisible Force Keeping Carbon in the Ground

In climate-addled places, mats of mycelium may make all the difference for the trees they live alongside.

By Zoë Schlanger

[The Atlantic](#)

California's composting mandate is driving market growth

One year after California's SB 1383 went into effect mandating organics recycling, 75% of jurisdictions report they have residential organic collection.

By [Marissa Heffernan](#)

[Resource Recycling](#)



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