



Master Composter

March 25th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Katherine and Victoria take site visit of Taylor Street Farm to see new Community Composting Hub

Introduction

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Week Recap

- First Initial Training Course! Now every Thursday 6:30-8 pm.
- Lee Moncton, Megan Marwede, and Victoria Mollo taught Compost Basics at Los Altos Library!
- MG Coordinator Katherine U and Victoria R visited Taylor Street Farm to see the site of a new community compost hub

Upcoming



Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Wednesday 3/27/2024 5pm - 7pm	Worm Composting	Joyce Ellington Branch Library 491 E. Empire St San Jose, 95112	San Jose
Saturday 4/6/2024 10am - 12pm	Compost Basics	Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room 1305 Middlefield Rd.	Palo Alto
Saturday 5/4/2024 10am - 12pm	Compost Basics	Poppy Jasper Room, Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center 17000 Monterey Rd Morgan Hill, 95038	Morgan Hill
Saturday 5/11/2024 10am - 12pm	Compost Basics	Cupertino Library 10800 Torre Ave, Cupertino, CA 95014	Cupertino

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Thursday, April 11, 2024	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	Earth Day Arbor Day	Santa Clara
Wednesday, April 17, 2024	2:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Cisco Compute Green Social	San Jose
Thursday, April 18, 2024	11:00:00 AM-2:00 PM	Eco Fair	Santa Clara

There are also quite a few Community Earth Day events for April 20th not listed here.

Find one in your neighborhood and sign up.



Upcoming: Kids Composting

Los Gatos Library

- **Presentation:** vermicomposting with DIY worm bin build
- **Class:** Elementary/middle
- **Date:** April 2nd 4:00-5:30 pm
- **Address:** 100 Villa Ave. Los Gatos, CA 95030



Stratford School

- **Presentation:** vermicomposting
- **Class:** Kindergarten, 120 students
- **Dates/times:** *Need at least 4 volunteers, had to reschedule
- **School Address:** 890 Pomeroy Ave., Santa Clara, 95051



Campbell School of Innovation

We have Worms to give them so please sign up to help!

- **Presentation:** vermicomposting
- **Class:** 2nd Grade 100 students
- **Possible dates/times:** Second week of April 8:30-9:00, 9:00-9:30 or 10:30-11:00, 11:00-11:30
- **School Address:** 295 Cherry Lane Campbell, CA, 95008



Blach Intermediate School

- **Presentation:** compost basics
- **Class:** 7th Grade 175 students , (periods 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)
- **Possible dates/times:** April 15th or 22nd 8:30-3:03 pm
- **School Address:** 1120 Covington Road, Los Altos, 94024



Composting Advice for Hester School

We are a special ed school for adults ages 18-22 years old. Most students are have severe disabilities. They attend weekly gardening classes .

-Seeking advice about their own backyard school composting system

Please sign up for a kids classroom activity by filling out your name on the [Kids Composting Google Sheet](#) under the Master Composters column and I will confirm with the schools that we have at the minimum two volunteers confirmed to teach

Important Resources



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!
- You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.
- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.
- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education** **Zoom** link
- Rot Crew Calendar:



Log your volunteer hours here!

Watch the meeting recordings here

Explore the Google Drive here

Composting Ed Initial Training
Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm

Rot Crew Calendar Link



Signup Sheet Links



WORKSHOP SIGNUP

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

EVENT SIGNUP



MCP Updates



Third Saturday Work Day!

- **Work Day will Continue on April 20th**

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 10-12
- Weather permitting
- check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information

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 and unused bamboo chopsticks to Martial Cottle Park!** (chopsticks are for worm demos)



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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Opinion: How California's prized solution for methane gas is backfiring on farmers

The farm subsidies for a state program have skewed the market, making pollution as valuable as dairy in some cases

By: Darvin Bentlage

Mercury News

Oriental Fruit Fly Information

- Resident Fact Sheet:
- Resident FAQ
- Interactive Map of the Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine (Residents can enter their address to see if their property is located in the quarantine area):

To learn more about fruit fly quarantines, please visit: CAFruitFly.com