



Master Composter

June 10th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Flowers at McClellan Ranch

Introduction

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Week Recap

- The Santa Clara University students created their prototype for a worm casting catchment system and brought it to MCP
- Cole Smith came back to CEP to teach about compost Application to out IT class
- Diane, Eric, and Dan shined at a compost Basics workshop in Sunnyvale
- Jack and Victoria toured McClellan Ranch and confirmed a July workshop there (see below)

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 7/27/2024	Compost Basics	Lucie Stern Community Center, Community Room 1305 Middlefield Rd.	Palo Alto
Saturday 7/13/2024	Compost Basics	McClellan Ranch	Cupertino

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Saturday, June 15, 2024	9:00 am to noon	3rd Annual Plant & Pollinator Day	San Jose
Open to Mon, Tues, or Thurs after June 10th and before August 7th	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch at the Library - Composting Program for Families	Morgan Hill
7/25-8/3	We will be splitting the 8 Fair dates with the MG's. We will cover (4) days and they will cover (4) days.	Santa Clara County Fair	SCC Fairgrounds Tully Road, San Jose

Upcoming: Kids Composting

Wednesday in Summer (TBD) June 25, 2024 or July 10, 2024	Gilroy Gardens	4th-8th Grades	Gilroy
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INITIAL TRAINING GRADUATION 2024



Event will
include:

- Final Project Presentations
- Potluck
- Celebrating our new class of volunteers!

YOU'RE INVITED!



10 AM-noon
RSVP here

*skip the question about a gift unless you are a graduate

Join us
Saturday,
June 22nd
at Martial
Cottle Park!

Fill out this RSVP form to let us know if you'll be joining and what dish you'll be bringing.

If not a dish can you help me bring decor/dishware/little mementos for the graduates?

Come celebrate our new class!



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



Next Third Saturday Work Day! This Weekend! June 15th

- 9 am- 11 am
- July 20th will be our big volunteer celebration!
- Monthly Meeting will be held in person! 11:15-12:15
- Bring your Greens!

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 9am -11
- 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!

- Bring newspapers Martial Cottle Park!

**First Tuesday
is back!**

Join us Tuesday, July 2nd for our next first Tuesday meeting over zoom!

Our Kids Team will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30

and everyone else will join at 6:30 for a meeting until 7:00 pm.

Our continuing education guest speaker will go from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/91930880896>

Meeting ID: 919 3088 0896



COMPOST

in the

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*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

What Causes Compost Fires: Knowing the Conditions

Fires, especially small fires—and more so in mulch facilities than commercial compost facilities—are not uncommon. The trick is to manage those fires before they become larger. A better strategy yet is to prevent them in the first place, which begins with knowing the conditions that can lead to these events.

By Arlene Karidis

Waste 360

Family Gets a Massive Surprise After a Turtle Lays Eggs in Their Compost

The family says they'll be guarding the eggs until they hatch.

BY LAUREN WELLBANK

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