



Master Composter

August 19th, 2024

NEWSLETTER

Marilynn G. teaches how she composts tissue paper at 3rd Saturday Monthly Meeting

Introduction

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Week Recap

- The Santa Clara Workshop had 60 people register!
- The CEP team started working on the Happy Hollow Progress for Pollinators Grant (due 9/1 if you want to help!)
- Busy Third Saturday workday with great turnout of volunteers, community members, and UC ANR reporters who are writing an upcoming story about us

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 9/7/2024	DIY Worm Bin Build & Hot Pile Demonstration	MCP Compost Demo Site	San Jose
Saturday 9/14/2024 Help Videhil!	Worm Composting	Elizabeth Gamble Garden 1431 Waverley St Palo Alto, CA 94301	Palo Alto
Saturday 9/28/2024	Compost Basics	Cupertino Library	Cupertino

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

Saturday, September 14, 2024	10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Tiny Home Expo	San Jose
Saturday, October 5, 2024	9:00 am - 11:30 am	MG's Fall Festival Fall Garden Fair	San Jose
Saturday, September 21, 2024	11:00 am Setup 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Pomeroy Community Garden Day	Santa Clara

Upcoming: Kids Composting

Tessellations 9/4	6th & 7th grade	Vermicomposting	1170 Yorkshire Dr	Cupertino
Russo/McEntee Academy 9/16-17	K-2 & 3-5	Vermicomposting	2851 Gay Ave	San Jose
Hellyer Elementary 9/30 or 10/14	K-3	Vermicomposting	725 Hellyer Ave	San Jose

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

First Tuesday CE Link
First Tuesdays each month

6:30-8:00 P.M

Meeting ID: 919 3088 0896

Rot Crew Calendar Link

Signup Sheet Links

WORKSHOP SIGNUP

CLASSROOM SIGNUP

EVENT SIGNUP



MCP Updates



Third Saturday Work Day and Monthly Meeting September 21st

- **Please join us for a fun workday and monthly meeting**
- **Monthly Meeting will be held right after. Please join and log your attendance!**

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Postponed Date TBD!!!

- **No Work Day but will be a potluck gathering**
- **Probably October or November**

Wednesday Workdays

- Join us at Martial Cottle Park from 9am -11
- Weather permitting
- Check the [rot crew google calendar](#) for more information
- **Come water our new trees! They need water at least twice a week. Get some volunteer hours by helping us water them.**

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!**



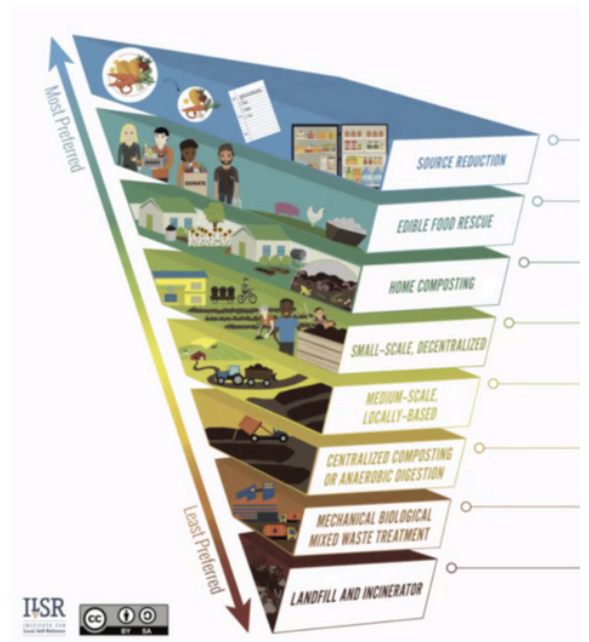
EVALUATIONS



FEEDBACK FROM YOU AND FOR YOU

What we learned from our most recent workshop:

- People often forget to answer the first question of the survey “Are you currently Composting?” so let’s remind them!
- Many people leave our workshops feeling like they don’t have much information on SB 1383. If you need help teaching this topic, reach out to Victoria R. for office hours
- People want to know more about how compost fits into food recovery and food waste reduction on the whole



Remember that we’re always learning and growing and so this feedback is very informative for helping us be the best educators we can be!



Monthly Meeting Notes 8/17/24



- We discussed how thanking the audience is a great way to be impactful during workshops
- Marilyn demonstrated how she saves used tissues/papers for composting
- We discussed the logistics of our next 9/7 DIY worm bin build workshop
- We talked about scheduling our 2025 workshops and what information would be helpful to know in advance for planning and signing up
- We talked about tabling materials and how our rotating carousel is broken . What kinds of things can we hand out? How can we engage the public?
- We talked about having printed out sign up sheets for our workshops at tabling events



COMPOST

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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Composting Anchors Sanitation Access In Haiti

Converting challenges into opportunity, SOIL provides close to 20,000 people with its in-home sanitation service and operates a composting facility to manage all the residuals.

By Rich Flammer



[Biocycle](#)

‘The land is becoming desert’: drought pushes Sicily’s farming heritage to the brink

While tourists flock to the Italian island in greater numbers, a water crisis is intensifying for its rural population

By [Lorenzo Tondo](#) in Sutera



[The Guardian](#)



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