



Master Composter

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2024

NEWSLETTER

Videhi and Pavan explore the garden after their first time teaching a workshop!

Introduction

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Week Recap

- Videhi and Pavan taught their first worm composting workshop together at Elizabeth Gamble Garden in Palo Alto!
- We officially scheduled a kids compost class at Hellyer Elementary on 9/30
- Michael Cohen, Victoria Roberts, and Cole Smith connected to work on the Compost Education Handbook

Upcoming Workshops Needing Volunteers:

Saturday 9/28/2024	Compost Basics	Cupertino Library	Cupertino
Thursday, October 3rd 6-8 pm Please signup!	Compost Basics	Milpitas Library	Milpitas
Saturday, October 5th	Worm Composting	Heritage Park Mountain View	Mountain View

Upcoming Tabling Needing Volunteers:

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

Upcoming: Kids Composting

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



**THIS
WEEKEND**

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
- This Wednesday, we will be preparing our DIY Worm Bin Build Workshop for September 7th
- **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:

- Remind folks to give end of session surveys back before they leave the workshop
- Some people show up to workshops thinking they are getting a free compost bin- make sure you know how to explain our bin program to folks and communicate to class



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!



Feedback from Cities in Santa Clara County

- Cities really enjoy our presence in schools, so please make sure to sign up for school activities!
- Cities love when we teach people about SB 1383 since they are the ones who are in charge of compliance
- Cities love when we are able to demonstrate that our workshops are contributing to people starting their home composting practice- make sure to tell workshop attendees that they get a survey 3 months after the workshop to check back in with them about their composting
- Cities love seeing us do more hands-on DIY worm bin workshops
- Cities would love to see more attendance from their residence so spread the word about our workshops!





COMPOST

in the

NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Creative ways communities are reducing food waste

When we started working on this year's Climate Solutions Week, all about the future of food, we realized solutions seem to fall into three groups:

What we grow, how we cook and eat, and what we often end up wasting.

By: [The NPR Network](#)



[NPR](#)

Letters to the Editor: Cleaning up ocean garbage isn't enough. We must end our plastic addiction

Plastic is everywhere. It's in our soil, water, air, food and even our bodies. If we continue with business as usual, plastic production is expected to triple in the next three decades.

But if your bathtub is overflowing, don't start with a mop. Turn off the tap. The solution to this crisis is clear: Reduce plastic production and use, and embrace refillable and reusable systems.



[LA Times](#)



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