



Generating compost

is a natural way to recycle. Children learn about ecology, biology and waste reduction through basic composting: brown or green waste and/or vermi-composting... composting with worms! The resources listed below can help you set up a composting program in your school.

See also the Lunch Food Waste Section on how to compost lunch food and green waste on page 24.



City of San José Environmental Services Department

200 E. Santa Clara Street, 10th Floor Tower, San José, CA 95113
(408) 975-2533

sjgreenschools@sanjoseca.gov

www.sjrecycles.org/residents/home_compost.org

Offers materials and support for compost bin start-up, as well as subsidized compost bins.

Master Composters Home Composting Educational Program

County of Santa Clara
1553 Berger Drive, Building 1, San José, CA 95112
Rotline: (408) 918-4640

sarah.smith@aem.sccgov.org

compost@aem.sccgov.org

www.reducewaste.org

Offers compost bins with worms, initial trainings, ongoing assistance, and follow-up visits to check bin health.

Master Gardener Program University of California Extension Services

1553 Berger Drive, Building 1, San José, CA 95112
(408) 282-3105 Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(650) 329-1356 Fridays only from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. except in winter

Email your questions at www.mastergardeners.org/email.html

www.mastergardeners.org/links.html

www.mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Gardening Hotline and tips, videos and publications, classes for elementary, secondary and high schools, diagnosis, events, and expert advice providing answers to gardening questions. Staffed by Master Gardeners who are trained volunteers.



Composting

Jerry Gach

(408) 227-5267

www.TheWormDude.com

The Worm Dude sells worms, bins, castings, books, and gardening supplies. Jerry Gach is a preferred worm breeder for the State of California, Santa Clara County, Alameda County, San Mateo County, and the City of San José.

Sonoma Valley Worm Farm

1280 Sperring Road

Sonoma, CA 95476

Jack and Lois Chambers

(800) 447-6996

www.sonomavalleyworms.com/Sonoma_Valley_Worms/Sonoma_Valley_Worm_Farm.html

Produces and sells redworms, vermicompost, castings, and worm tea.

Foothill Worm Ranch

7190 Foothill Road

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Matt Abbruscato

(925) 484-4192

matt@foothillwormranch.com

www.foothillwormranch.com

Produces and sells redworms and castings.