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San Mateo County, CA – **Friends, Fall and Compost!**

It's almost fall and you know what that means? Leaves!! Time to learn how to compost those leaves and make some new friends!



Composting is one of the most effective ways to conserve resources at your home. It not only reduces the amount of organic materials sent to the landfill, but can benefit your soil with added nutrients and beneficial microbes. It is also a great way to make new friends! San Mateo County residents, Krista and Courtney attended one of the Master Composter courses in 2004 and have been friends ever since.

Krista says, “The course is a fun way to meet other people that love gardening and care about the environment. Courtney and I met during the course and had fun volunteering together, [she] has been one of my friends ever since!” Even though Krista composted growing up, she learned a lot through the course such as about the soil food web, different methods of composting and types of materials to use in compost piles to make it break down faster into a rich soil amendment.

The RecycleWorks Volunteer Academy Program is now accepting students for the fall “Master Composter” training program. This training will teach you about composting methods, the benefits of compost, and how you can conserve resource, which is great for the environment.

Classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm-9:30 pm in Foster City from September 23rd through November 18, 2014. Courtney says, “I am very grateful for all the ways I am still benefitting from the Master Composter courses taken ten years ago!” Now, instead of sending their yard and food scraps to the landfill, they use their “wealth of information from classmates and graduates” to make their own compost at home for their delicious and nutritious organic gardens. The added bonus Courtney says, is “you get that good feeling that comes from not sending your yard waste and kitchen scraps to the landfills and recycling it back into your yard!”

If you need additional information contact Erin McNichol, the Program Coordinator, at RecycleWorks@smcgov.org or call 650-599-1498.

If you, or any other San Mateo County resident or employee, is interested in joining the fall training program, please share this registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/composting-practices-techniques-tickets-12414878235#>,

you can also sign up online for these courses by visiting our website at

<http://www.RecycleWorks.org> and click on the RVA icon.

If you would like to learn about other RecycleWorks workshops/classes please join our list serve at: <http://www.RecycleWorks.org/infoForm.php> or call us at 1-888-442-2666.

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