

May 2019

Compost Awareness Week



[International Compost Awareness Week \(ICAW\)](#) starts on May 5th and ends May 11th. ICAW started in Canada in 1995, it has since spread and grown internationally because more and more people are recognizing the importance of composting.

The 2019 theme, “**Cool the Climate - Compost!**” recognizes the connection between soil health and climate.

We, roughly, throw away [1.3 billion tons of food](#) each year which contributes to green house gas emissions. The ICAW is an opportunity to encourage and promote composting which reduce the global impacts of our wasted food and yard waste.

Here are a few ways composting helps our plants and planet.

- Produces nutrient rich soil.
- Reduces CO2 and other powerful greenhouse gases.
- Reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
- Capture CO2 for climate change protection

What will you do to celebrate Compost Week?

You can always celebrate later by coming by our compost workshop May 18th.

Screen Free Week



A typical US adult spends an average of [12 hours a day consuming media](#). This

statistic does include multitasking. Seeing this statistic is startling. We spend too much time in front of the screen. This is why The Story of Stuff advocating Screen-Free Week. It is a week, from April 29th through May 5th, to reduce your time in front of screens and to do something off the screen. Head over to [The Story of Stuff website](#) and sign up to take the pledge to reduce your screen time and they will send you ideas for screen-free activities.

Upcoming Events

Salinas District 1 Cleanup Event

Date: May 4, 2019

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Location: Constitution Soccer Complex

Composting Workshop

Date: May 18, 2019

Time: 10 am - 11 am

Location: Natividad Creek Garden, 1395 Nopal Drive

Take it Outside

Date: May 5, 2019

Time: 7 am - 2 pm

Location: Natividad Creek Park

Founders Day Salinas CA

Date: May 18, 2019

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Location: Salinas

Spring Family Farm Day ALBA

Date: May 18, 2019

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Location: 1700 Old Stage Rd. Salinas, CA



FREE Composting Workshops In the Salinas Valley

Backyard Composting & Worm Composting
Learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard trimmings into a nutrient rich soil amendment. Workshops are FREE and bilingual.

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| Salinas City Hall Rotunda 200 Lincoln Ave, Salinas January 19 Saturday 10AM - 11AM | Jardin El Sol Garden 139 Sun Street Salinas February 23 Saturday 10AM - 11AM | Rancho Cielo Garden 710 Old Stage Rd. Salinas March 23 Saturday 10AM - 11AM | Jardin El Sol Garden 139 Sun Street Salinas April 13 Saturday 10AM - 11AM | Natividad Creek Garden 1395 Nopal Dr. Salinas May 18 Saturday 10AM - 11AM | Fairview Middle School 401 4th St, Gonzales June 22 Saturday 11AM - 12PM |
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Register at www.SalinasValleyRecycles.org or call 831-775-3000.
Available to Salinas Valley residents only. Families are welcomed! Se habla español.



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