



Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us.



From May 3–9, communities worldwide celebrate International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) 2026 with the theme, “Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us.” The message is simple: healthy soil is the foundation of our food system, and compost helps keep it strong and productive.

Compost does more than divert food scraps and yard waste from landfills—it returns valuable nutrients and organic matter to the soil, improving structure, water retention, and plant growth. It also supports climate resilience by storing carbon, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and helping landscapes withstand drought and erosion.

This week is a chance for everyone to take action—use your green cart, try composting at home, and help turn organic waste into a resource that benefits our soil, farms, and future.

When we compost, we’re not just managing waste—we’re investing in healthier soil, stronger food systems, and a more sustainable future.

Compost Workshop & Compost Giveaway

Join us this weekend for a hands-on composting workshop where you'll learn the basics, meet your neighbors, and head home with a free compost system to get started.

We're also giving away free compost for your garden—so bring a shovel, buckets, or even a truck to load up!

COMPOST WORKSHOP & COMPOST GIVEAWAY

BACKYARD AND WORM COMPOSTING

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

- Created from your curbside yard waste and food scraps
- Bring a sturdy container, truck, shovel, & gloves
- Self-serve event
- Add it to your plants to improve soil quality



NATIVIDAD CREEK PARK

(Compost and workshop will be at the corner of Constitution Blvd and Las Casitas St by the basketball courts)



SALINAS
SATURDAY
10 AM - 11 AM
MAY 16

Get one FREE Compost Bin per family for attendees from our *service area.



REGISTRESE EN LINEA O EN EL EVENTO svswwa.org/free-compost-workshops/
*Área de Servicio: Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, King City, and eastern half of the Monterey County

TALLER DE COMPOSTA & DAREMOS COMPOSTA

PILA DE COMPOSTA Y COMPOSTA CON LOMBRICES

Aprenda como convertir sobras de comida y desperdicios de jardín en nutriente abono. Los talleres son GRATIS y bilingües.



- Creada de sus desperdicios de jardín y sobras de comida
- Traiga un contenedor resistente, camioneta, pala y guantes
- Usted tendrá que llenar su contenedor o camioneta
- Agréguela a sus plantas para mejorar la calidad del suelo

PARQUE NATIVIDAD CREEK

(Composta y taller serán en la esquina de las calles Constitution Blvd y Las Casitas St por las canchas de básquetbol)



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SABADO
10 AM - 11 AM
MAYO 16

Obtenga un bote de composta GRATIS por familia para los que viven en nuestra *área de servicio



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Youth Council



The Salinas Valley Recycles is now accepting applications for its 2026–2027 Youth Council, inviting environmentally passionate high school students (grades 9–12) to turn their ideas into action. This program empowers students from all educational backgrounds—public, private, homeschool, and independent study—to lead sustainability efforts, build programs on their campuses, and make a real impact in their community.

Participants will gain leadership skills, earn community service hours, and even qualify for the Seal of Civic Engagement on their

diploma—all while helping protect the planet through stewardship, conservation, and innovation.

Applications are open now through June 15—learn more and apply at www.svswa.org/schools/youth council or contact Sara at sarapb@svswa.org.

Tire Amnesty

Starts Saturday, March 28th and Ends Tuesday, June 30th

FREE TIRE RECYCLING

AT ALL 3 LOCATIONS

SALINAS

Salinas Valley Recycles
Recycling Center
1104 Madison Lane

GONZALES

Johnson Canyon Landfill
31400 Johnson Canyon Road
Open on Sundays!

KING CITY

Jolon Road
Transfer Station
52654 Jolon Road



- Car and small truck tires (with or without rims)
- Salinas Valley Residents Only (no businesses)
- Limit 9 tires per trip

(831) 775-3000



CalRecycle

**SalinasValley
Recycles.org**

Free Tire Recycling Event - March 28–June 30, 2026

Got old tires taking up space? From March 28 through June 30, residents can drop off unwanted tires for free at Salinas Valley Recycles locations.

Recycling tires helps prevent illegal dumping, reduces fire hazards, and keeps standing water from becoming mosquito breeding grounds that can spread diseases like West Nile Virus.

Recycled tires are turned into useful products such as rubberized road pavement, playground surfaces, and more.

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