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# THE SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY

The County of San Mateo's Office of Sustainability is excited to announce the launch of the 2016-2017 Sustainability Academy (Academy)!

The Academy (formerly known as the *RecycleWorks Volunteer Academy*) offers resource conservation courses at **no-cost**. The courses are hands-on, provide participants with the concrete skills and knowledge to conserve resources at home and at work, and offer an opportunity for participants to promote environmental awareness in the County as a volunteer. The courses are a great way to meet new people, build leadership skills, and participate in meaningful, locally focused, and fun volunteerism!

We have two exciting Academy offerings coming up this fall. See below for more information about each!



Get a good start on your spring garden by building your backyard compost pile now!

## MASTER COMPOST & SOLID WASTE COURSE



Tuesdays starting Oct 11<sup>th</sup> to Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
(excluding Thanksgiving week)  
5:30 pm to 9:00 pm  
Location: Beresford Recreation Center,  
2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo

In this no-cost 8-week Master Compost and Solid Waste Course, participants will learn the ins and outs of backyard and vermi (worm) composting through in-class discussion and hands-on activities. You'll also learn about how solid waste is managed in San Mateo County. For participants that attend *at least seven out of eight classes*, they will each get a choice of taking home their own backyard or vermicomposting unit! **A 40-hour volunteer commitment is required for participating in this course.**

This popular course tends to fill up quickly, so **sign up now** for the chance to get your hands dirty this fall!

### Register:

[www.recycleworks.org/sustainability/rva\\_composting.html](http://www.recycleworks.org/sustainability/rva_composting.html)

## WEBINAR: ZERO WASTE FOR YOUR HOME & OFFICE



Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
12 pm to 1 pm

This one-hour webinar will introduce you to solid waste management basics specific to San Mateo County. You'll learn where your waste, recyclables, and compostables go, how some materials are re-manufactured through recycling and composting processes to reduce waste, and what you can do to reduce waste and increase recycling and composting in your own home and work place.

**Sign up now** to start your journey towards becoming a solid waste management guru!

### Register:

[www.recycleworks.org/sustainability/rva\\_resource\\_101.html](http://www.recycleworks.org/sustainability/rva_resource_101.html)

For more information, please visit [www.recycleworks.org/academy.html](http://www.recycleworks.org/academy.html) or contact Eun-Soo Lim, our Sustainability Academy Coordinator at [RecycleWorks@smcgov.org](mailto:RecycleWorks@smcgov.org) or 888.442.2666 / 650.599.1498.

*The Sustainability Academy is available only to residents, business owners, employees, or students located within San Mateo County.*