

## Special Adult, Junior, & Family Contest

# BACKYARD COMPOST

**Coordinator:** Charlie Barboni, Fair Office

**Judges:** Joan Irwin, Composting Educator, Mill Valley

Charlotte Torgovitsky, Garden Writer and Educator, Novato

### Timeline & Rules

**Eligibility** → Open to all California residents

**Entry Forms Due** → On or before Friday, June 8, 5 pm, Fair Office

**Entry Limit** → One Entry per Exhibitor per Class.

**Entry Fee** → \$4 Per Entry - Fee must accompany Entry Form.

**Exhibits Received** → Friday, June 29, 7:30 am to 10 am, Exhibit Hall

**Exhibits Released** → Thursday, July 5, 12 Noon to 7 pm, Exhibit Hall

**Rules --** 1. Local and State Rules govern this competition.

2. Bring three to five pounds of fresh compost made from household & yard waste.
3. Use a bucket or compost pail to transport entry.
4. Submit a photo of your compost bin and a brief description of your composting techniques: cold, warm, or worm, including what kinds of household and yard waste used, and how the finished sample was collected and processed.

### ■ Score Card for Judging Backyard Compost ■

**Composition:** Active – Are there living things? \_\_\_\_\_ 20%

**Moisture Content:** Squeeze Test, Absorbent - Retains Moisture,  
Porous, Permeable \_\_\_\_\_ 20%

**Odor:** Does mixture have an odor? \_\_\_\_\_ 20%

**Visual:** Is the mixture sifted? Does it contain material not broken down? \_\_\_\_\_ 20%

**Presentation:** Picture & Story \_\_\_\_\_ 20%

Total Score \_\_\_\_\_ 100%

## Division 299 Backyard Compost

**Adult, Family, Group**

**Entry Fee – \$4 per entry**

### Class

- 1 Worm Compost made by an Adult, Family, or Group
- 2 Compost, any other, made by an Adult, Family, or Group

## Division 399 Backyard Compost

**Junior**

**Entry Fee – \$4 per entry**

### Class

- 3 Worm Compost made by a Youth, 5 - 18 years of age
- 4 Compost, any other, made by a Youth, 5 - 18 years of age

### American System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class

1st Place - \$20 & Ribbon • 2nd Place - \$15 & Ribbon • 3rd Place - \$10 & Ribbon  
4th Place - \$5 & Ribbon • 5th Place - \$5 & Ribbon

**Best of Show Adult, Group, or Family – \$25 & Rosette Ribbon**

**Best of Show Youth – \$25 & Rosette Ribbon**

Special Prizes for Backyard Compost (Awarded at Discretion of Judges)

**Two Composting Bins**

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