

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 Monday, June 3, 5 pm, Fair Office

Or: Enter online at marinfair.org through Friday, June 28.

A 2019 Registration Fee of \$2 per person will apply; save \$1 by entering online.

Entry Limit → One Entry per Exhibitor per Class.

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

Exhibits Received → Tuesday, July 2, 7:30 am to 10 am, Exhibit Hall

Exhibits Released → Monday, July 8, 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. Bring entry in a bucket or compost pail.

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 Backyard Compost

Composition: Active – Are there living things? 20%

Moisture Content: Squeeze Test, Absorbent - Retains Moisture, Porous, Permeable..... 20%

Odor: Does it have an odor? 20%

Visual: Is it 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

2nd Place
\$15

3rd Place
\$10

4th Place
\$5

5th Place
\$5

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

Courtesy of ~

ZEROWASTEMARIN