

"Jumping into Solutions" Podcasts Kick Off with Composting

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A new channel on YouTube and Spotify, "Jumping into Solutions," will be covering simple actions that you can take that will save you a lot of money while doing good things for climate change solutions and the environment.

The first episode is on Composting and was co-hosted by Pat Toth-Smith and me. Our guest was Marie Knutson, the Recycling Coordinator for Republic Services, who shared much information on recycling, especially of green and food wastes, and explained the implementation of new California law, Senate Bill 1383. Up front is a short video by Kathy Kerridge and Pat Toth-Smith on what one can do at the personal level.

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Composting all our green wastes, especially our food waste, creates valuable organic fertilizer and reduces methane emissions that would otherwise be emitted from landfills or garbage. This can be done personally at your home or organized at the community level in industrial scale composting facilities consisting of 8-foot-high rows that are managed and watered. Over a 20-year period, methane gas traps 84 times more heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Your simple actions here help reduce its emissions.



A simple action like not putting your food waste in regular garbage and directing it to your personal or community composting pile helps enormously. Think of all the delicious and nutritious food that can be made using this organic fertilizer that also absorbs carbon in the soil!

Pat Toth-Smith, the organizer of the podcast series, helped create and co-host our first episode with skillful and dedicated co-hosts and team members. "What Can & Can't be Composted? Exploring California's New Composting Law SB 1383 & More!" is up and running and clears up confusing things like which bins do I put milk cartons, waxy take-out containers, paper coffee cups, or dog waste in? And it takes [a deep dive into SB 1383](#).

For a different perspective, [the audio version is on Spotify](#), which you can listen to in your car.