

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING
ACR 180 (Connolly)
As Introduced April 21, 2026
Majority vote

SUMMARY

Declares the week of May 3, 2026, to May 9, 2026, inclusive, as Compost Awareness Week.

Major Provisions

- 1) Composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil to restore the health of the soil and enable its essential function in the carbon cycle.
- 2) Applying finished compost is a proven method of growing healthy food, conserving water during extreme drought, providing resiliency during flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and nonpoint pollution, decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers, decreasing erosion, and remediating fire damaged lands.
- 3) California instituted ambitious goals around both organics diversion and compost use through Senate Bill 1383 (Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016), recognizing compost as an effective form of resource recovery, waste reduction, reuse and recycling, and pollution reduction.
- 4) Materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost.
- 5) Composting creates green jobs and infrastructure for cities and states that implement composting programs.
- 6) International Compost Awareness Week is a publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use. The International Compost Awareness Week theme for 2026, "Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us," was chosen to highlight the benefits of composting in agriculture and food production and the role of compost in supporting healthy, nutritious food and, by extension, people and communities.

COMMENTS

According to the Author

Composting is an important tool to help Californians strengthen our food safety nets while also reaching our ambitious organic diversion goals. We must recognize composting as an effective form of resource recovery, waste reduction, reuse and recycling, and pollution reduction. Composting can help strengthen community resilience by conserving water during extreme droughts and providing resiliency during flood conditions.

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

No fiscal impact. This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

VOTES

ASM RULES: 9-0-1

YES: Pacheco, Lackey, Dixon, Garcia, Mark González, Irwin, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Zbur

ABS, ABST OR NV: Ahrens

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