

## Roll Carts, Commingling, Plastics and Consistency!

Good news for those who talk to the public about recycling: Materials and sorting methods are becoming more uniform throughout the Metro region. As jurisdictions convert to roll carts, most are moving to a similar way of sorting materials. Glass and motor oil go on the side and everything else is mixed together in the cart.

Metro area jurisdictions are evaluating what new materials can be added to the curbside program so outreach campaigns can be "rolled out" at the same time.

This movement to evaluate materials on a regional basis inspired Metro to hold a meeting to determine which plastics can be recycled curbside throughout the region. Haulers, materials recovery facilities (MRFs), paper mills, local jurisdictions and plastics market experts met to come up with the following list of what plastics should be allowed in a commingled curbside program in the Metro area:

- Containers with a neck or screw-on lid.
- Margarine- or yogurt-type tubs, 6-oz. or larger.
- Rigid plant pots, 4 inches or larger.
- Buckets, 5-gallons or smaller.



No lids, deli food containers, Blisterpak, Styrofoam or plastic bags.

Remember: these materials are not accepted in all jurisdictions yet! Most Jurisdictions are waiting for until roll carts are distributed to expand plastics and to move to a more commingled system. Conversion to roll carts is also not happening in all places. It's still best to tell people to ask their hauler how to sort recycling.

Here are some changes that are happening throughout the region:

- **Beaverton** converted to roll carts and started accepting additional plastics last year.
- **Clackamas County** already converted to the above definition of plastics. Some areas have already converted to roll carts and others are being evaluated for roll cart conversion.
- **Gresham** will be converting to roll carts and additional plastics this month.
- **Hillsboro** will also make the switch this September.
- The **Portland Recycles! Plan**, which will be heard by City Council on August 8th, proposes a new roll cart system. If the plan is approved, roll carts and additional plastics changes will happen Summer of 2008.

The move to roll carts, expansion of plastics and mixing of materials will require a huge public education effort throughout the region. Master Recyclers will play an important role in getting out new messages and minimizing contamination. Check Master Recycler Volunteer Opportunities or contact me at [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or 503-823-7530 to find out how to help.



Bridging the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce waste in their homes and workplaces.



## MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM NEWS

### Celebrating Newly-Certified Master Recyclers

**Bruce Barton** (Class 29), clearly likes big events because he devoted his payback e-waste collections, plastics roundups and the Cracked Pots show. **Julianne Parrett** (Class 33) discovered that she is an outstanding tabler while volunteering at various events from Hillsboro to Sandy. **Colleen Wright** (Class 33) found her niche at the greener cleaner table where she has become a pro. **Bel Audirsch** (Class 34) added her delightful humor to her outreach while tabling in West Linn and Lake Oswego and being a site co-coordinator at the PCC Sylvania Master Recycler Plastics Roundup. **Laura Huckaba** (Class 34) honed her deep experience in food preparation and compost to talk with Oregon City residents about reduce, reuse, recycle and compost. **Mindy Trask** (Class 34) finished her payback doing events, canvassing and a North Portland cleanup before she even got to start her personal project of organizing an ODOT sustainability fair.

Barely a month after the class ended and four people have certified from Class 35! **Kelly Bryan** is the queen of reuse at the Master Recycler Plastics Roundups, Cracked Pots and in her own art. **Russell Hollenbeck** helped get out the word mostly in North and Northeast Portland at Earth Day, Good in the Hood and the Mississippi Street Fair. **Robin Raffety** helped with the door-to-door pilot project as well as launching the new business outreach project with Portland BlueWorks. These three tied in the contest to be the first in their class to certify. **Aymie Reynolds** followed close behind at the Tigard Farmer's market which she adopted by tabling once a month, rotating topics on recycling, pre-cycling, greener cleaners and green remodeling.

Thank you to all of you for your commitment to the environment and congratulations!

### Special Training to Do Payback with Recycle at Work!

Tuesday, August 14

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand, Portland

Businesses generate 75 percent of Portland's waste, and there are a lot of opportunities for Master Recyclers to help reduce that waste!

Portland Recycle at Work is holding a special training so you'll be prepared to:

- Table at business events.
- Give presentations to businesses.
- Visit and talk to businesses located in buildings that Portland Recycle at Work staff is working with.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday, August 10 to Laura Matson, 503-823-7632 or [lmatson@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:lmatson@ci.portland.or.us)



## MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Keep the Master Recycler Program going. Don't forget to log your hours! Go to [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org) members' section. user name: MasterRecycler password: master

### East Bank Portland Farmer's Market

SE 20th and Salmon, Portland

Thursday, August 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

(or a partial shift if you need to arrive late)

Master Recycler, Alex Ho (Class 35) has been having a great time this summer talking to folks at various Portland Farmer's Markets (you could almost say he's becoming a pro). So, here's a great opportunity to get your feet wet in tabling at a beautiful farmer's market setting with a person who knows what he's doing.

Contact: Alex Ho, [alexsunglinho@gmail.com](mailto:alexsunglinho@gmail.com)

## Hot Green

NW 13th & Marshall, Portland

First Thursday, August 2, 4pm. - 9 p.m. (4-5 is set up time)

Join Office of Sustainable Development Green Building Specialist, Mike O'Brien, to talk about green remodeling at this Sustainable Street Party. Celebrate as Pearl District historic icon trestle is preserved and connects the old Bridgeport pub to the new Wyatt building.

Contact: JoEllen Carothers, 503-823-4165, [joellen.carothers@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:joellen.carothers@ci.portland.or.us)

## Hillsboro Celebration

Main & E 2nd, Hillsboro

Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5

Shifts: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 3 - 7 p.m.

Join Washington County staff to talk to residents about recycling at this huge community celebration. Help Washington County launch the new residential roll cart campaign in Hillsboro! Spanish-speaking Master Recyclers may even get to use their Spanish!

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651, [Michelle\\_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Michelle_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us)

## Forest Grove Farmer's Market

21st Avenue, between College & Main, Forest Grove

Wednesday, August 8, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Staff a table on residential recycling in for Washington County.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651, [Michelle\\_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Michelle_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us)



## People's Co-op Farmer's Market

3029 SE 21st Ave., Portland

Wednesday, August 8, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join Catha Loomis (Class 35) for tabling on choosing durables instead of disposable products. Pick a shift or join for the duration.

Contact: Catha Loomis, [clwriter@easystreet.com](mailto:clwriter@easystreet.com)

## Clackamas County Fair

694 NE 4th, Canby

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 14, 15 and 16, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 2:30 - 6 p.m., 6 - 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, August 17 and 18, 11a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 2:30 - 6p.m., 6 - 10 p.m.

Sunday, August 19, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 2:30 - 6 p.m.

The Clackamas County Fair is a great fair with something for everyone. Clackamas County's recycling exhibit is right next to the strawberry shortcake sellers and just around the corner from the homemade pie! Fair admission and parking provided.

Contact: Sheri Dow, 503-353-4463, [sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us)

## Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Fair

2209 N Rosa Parks, Portland

Thursday, August 16, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Set up and staff at table at this fun 10th Annual celebration of a North Portland neighborhood. Check out a kit of your choice, as well as table, chair and canopy.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530, [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)

### **Tigard Farmer's Market**

10125 SW Washington Sq. Rd., Tigard  
Sunday, August 19, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join Master Recycler Mentor Colleen Wright to talk to residents about Greener Cleaners. She really knows this topic, so if you are curious about how to use this kit, take full advantage!

Contact: Colleen Wright, [cwright@responseim.com](mailto:cwright@responseim.com)

### **Hillsboro Farmer's Market**

Main & 2nd, Hillsboro  
Tuesday, August 21, 5:00- 8:30 p.m.

Join Washington County staff to talk to local residents about residential recycling.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651, [Michelle\\_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Michelle_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us)



Robin (Class 35) Vanessa & Biff (Class???) and Joe (Class 28) use the new Metro upstream/downstream costs of blue jeans display.

### **Arbor Lodge Symphony in the Park and Neighborhood Festival**

Arbor Lodge Park, N Delaware & Bryant, Portland  
Saturday, August 25, 2:30 - 6:30p.m.

Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association is planning a festival with food vendors, nine bands and informational booths to be followed at 6:30 by the Oregon Symphony in the Park. Three to four thousand North Portland residents are expected to attend this fun event. Talk to residents about recycling and promote our new North Portland Master Recycler Plastics Roundup location.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530, [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)

### **Blue Lake Park Recycling Outreach**

SE 223rd Ave. and Marine Drive, Fairview  
Any weekend day this summer

Help Metro get out the word to park attendees. Spend a delightful day (or days) wandering through this beautiful park on a bike (furnished by the park) or on foot or sit at an information table explaining why recycling is important and how to use the system. Pick any weekend day. You'll be handing out stickers, pencils and magnets and making recycling easy and fun! Spanish and Russian skills are especially useful, but not necessary.

Contact: Annie West, [westa@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:westa@metro.dst.or.us), or call J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many other jobs listed on the Master Recycler website! Go to [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org) members' section user name: MasterRecycler password: master

### **Electronic Waste Project Lead, State of Oregon DEQ**

\$3,848 - \$5,631 monthly

Closes: August 6, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: LE070378

Seeking individual with three years of professional experience in an environmental protection, environmental control, or natural resource management program to help develop a dynamic new program. This full time position will respond to complex manufacturer and retailer questions, determine recycling promotion and outreach requirements, and develop a system for managing data, among other duties.

More Information: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs.asp>.

## **Electronic Waste Specialist, State of Oregon DEQ**

\$3,338 - \$4,881 monthly

Closes: August 6, 2007

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: LE070377

Seeking individual possessing three years of professional experience in an environmental protection, environmental control, or natural resource management program. Must have this background, along with experience managing multiple projects in a solid waste or E-Waste program, including responsibility for development or enforcement of regulations and guidelines.

More information: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs.asp>.

## **Solid Waste & Recycling Program Coordinator, Washington County**

\$4,611 - \$5,605 monthly

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Initial review of application materials began on July 9, 2007.

Job#: 2007-113

Provide regulatory oversight of the Washington County solid waste system that includes disposal facilities and collection services. In addition to business compliance duties, this position is also a liaison to other state and local agencies and service providers.

Successful candidates will possess BS/BA in related field with progressively responsible experience monitoring contracts and agreements, preferably in recycling and solid waste management. May require the completion of a criminal history check in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules.

More Information: <https://hrapps.co.washington.or.us/applicationsonline/index.cfm?page=jobdesc&id=366>

## **Program Director, Community Cycling Center**

\$36,000 annually

The Program Director is a highly responsible position reporting to the Executive Director to create strategic programs and partnerships for existing and future Community Cycling Center programs for families, youth and adults. The Program Director will research and recommend strategic initiatives that are aligned with the mission; develop and oversee the quality of programs; research, develop and report government and foundation grants; formulate and coordinate program evaluations; recruit, hire and train staff; collaborate with other Community Cycling Center staff to deliver programs and participate in special events.

HOW TO APPLY: Send a PDF of your resume, cover letter to: [jobs@communitycyclingcenter.org](mailto:jobs@communitycyclingcenter.org). No calls, please.

More information: [www.CommunityCyclingCenter.org](http://www.CommunityCyclingCenter.org)

## **Senior Waste Management Technician, Waste Management**

Closes: Not Specified

Waste Management has an immediate opportunity for a Senior Environmental Technician at their Hillsboro Landfill. This position is responsible for ensuring systems and practices are in place to provide for safe and efficient operations of the facility in compliance with applicable permits, federal and state requirements, rules, and regulations and consistent with company policies. They will develop and maintain environmental permits, regulations and agency approvals and establish compliance assurance "systems" to ensure permit compliance.

Qualified candidates please apply at [www.wmcareers.com](http://www.wmcareers.com)