

## August News

### Citywide roll out of new curbside collection service coming soon!

Residents citywide may be able to compost food scraps in the curbside program as soon as this fall, pending the approval of the program by City Council in August. As part of the new Curbside Collection Service, the green Portland Composts! roll cart will increase to weekly pick up, and garbage collection will be changed to every-other-week, allowing additional food scrap and yard debris collection without raising prices for most residents.

As you know, the City has conducted a food scrap composting pilot for the past year to test collection options and hear to feedback from 2,000 pilot households. Eighty-seven percent of pilot participants reported being "satisfied" with the overall system. Based on pilot results, research about other cities, and input from an advisory committee made up of haulers and residents (even some Master Recyclers!), the City is working to finalize the new service model to be ready as soon as this fall.



Once it is approved by City Council, Portlanders will be able to place all food scraps (including meat and bones!), along with yard debris, in their green Portland Composts! roll carts. Considering that 30 percent of the average resident's garbage is compostable, the new Curbside Collection Service will have positive impacts on Portland's waste stream.

These are big changes for residents, and will create a lot of opportunities for outreach and education from the City and Master Recyclers.

## **Proposed Standard Curbside Collection Service (to be voted on by City Council this August)**



### **Green Portland Composts! roll cart—NEW MATERIALS ACCEPTED AND WEEKLY PICK UP**

(New!) For the first time, your green roll cart will be collected every week for yard debris and food scraps.



### **Blue Portland Recycles! roll cart and yellow glass recycling bin—NO CHANGE**

Your blue recycling roll cart and yellow glass-only bin will still be collected for recycling every week.



### **Garbage container—COLLECTION FREQUENCY CHANGE**

(New!) As part of the new service, your garbage container will be picked up every-other-week, allowing the city's garbage and recycling companies to collect and compost food scraps without raising prices for most residents.

## **Residents have service options**

- You can increase or decrease the size of your garbage container to suit your household. Available garbage containers include 20-gallon container, 32-gallon container, 35-gallon roll cart, 60-gallon roll cart, and 90-gallon roll cart.
- If your property does not produce yard debris, you can request a smaller 32-gallon Green Portland Composts! roll cart for food scrap collection.
- You can set out an extra bag or can of garbage for collection for \$5. This option is helpful when you have extra garbage from an occasional event, like a party or holiday.
- All of these options can have an impact on your bill. Call your garbage and recycling company to make changes to your service. Your company is listed on the side of your blue and green roll carts.

## **Monthly service option is ending**

With the changes coming to the curbside collection system, monthly garbage pick up will no longer be a service option. Residents can choose the standard every-other-week garbage service option with the range of sizes mentioned above or the "Waste Reducer" option. This new option will still include weekly green/blue roll carts and an on-call garbage container collection. There will be a flat monthly fee for the overall service and then an additional pick up fee each time that garbage is picked up.

## What's so great about the proposed system changes?

- The food scraps and yard debris will be turned into nutrient-rich compost which helps plants grow, prevents erosion, retains water, and blocks disease and weeds.
- Weekly collection of the green Portland Composts! roll cart will mean more yard debris service and control odor for the addition of food scraps.
- Garbage is going to shrink. Less than ten percent of pilot customers upgraded to a bigger garbage can and only 60 percent of pilot customer garbage cans were full on collection day.
- Maybe you already compost in your backyard? Nearly 50% of Portlanders do! With this new system, you can now compost items such as meat, bones, dairy and grains in the green Portland Composts! roll cart. Check out the whole list of materials that will be accepted and not accepted.

The City needs Master Recycler help get the word out about the new changes. Sign up for the training below and check out the Volunteer Opportunities section for tabling opportunities.

### Master Recycler Training

Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave Room 370

NOTE DATE CHANGE: Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a training to learn about the City of Portland changes to the curbside collection system, food scraps, every-other-week garbage and how Master Recyclers will play a role in the outreach and education to residents. Sign up for late summer and fall events!

RSVP to Alicia at [Alicia.Polacok@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Alicia.Polacok@portlandoregon.gov) or 503-823-7107





# Collecting and Composting Food Scraps

1. Toss all food scraps into the kitchen pail.
2. Empty your kitchen pail into your green Portland Composts! roll cart along with your yard debris.
3. Set your green roll cart out on your pick-up day.

## ✓ Yes



- meat
- poultry
- fish and shellfish
- bones



- eggs and eggshells
- cheese and dairy products



- bread and baked goods
- pasta
- rice and other grains
- beans, nuts and seeds



- vegetables
- fruit



- table scraps
- plate scrapings
- leftovers



- coffee grounds and filters
- tea bags



- paper napkins
- pizza delivery boxes

## ⊘ No



- Large amounts of:
- grease
  - oil
  - liquids



- paper plates and cups
- paper cartons



- fast food wrappers and packaging
- take out containers
- coffee cups



- plastic and produce bags
- other plastic



- compostable plastic take-out containers and utensils
- non-approved compostable plastic bags



- metal
- glass



- Styrofoam™
- corks
- pet waste

Acceptable materials to line your pail and green Portland Composts! roll cart: newspaper, paper bags and approved compostable bags. Visit [www.portlandonline.com/bps/fspilot](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/fspilot) to find approved brands and where to purchase them.

## Hazardous Waste Fees

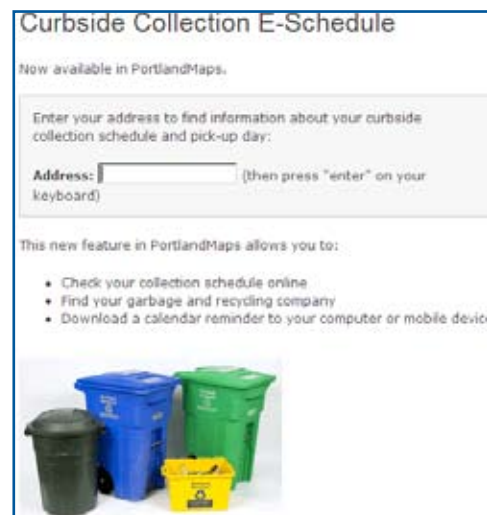
Beginning August 1, 2011, Metro will reinstate the \$5 fee to dispose of an average load of household hazardous waste. This \$5 fee will be charged per load up to 35 gallons, each additional 35 gallons will be charged an additional \$5. Also, additional charges apply for containers larger than 10 gallons. No fee for paint waste covered under Oregon PaintCare program.

Metro is reinstating this fee to help defray the costs of running the household hazardous waste program. It actually costs Metro \$54 to properly dispose of an average load brought to a Metro facility.

The free Neighborhood Collection events will continue this year. There is no fee to bring your toxic trash to Metro's community events. Check out [Metro's Neighborhood Collection Schedule](#).

## Curbside Collection E-schedule

The City of Portland now has a [new tool](#) to help residents get information.



## Portland Plastic Ban Passes

When the Oregon State Legislature failed to pass a statewide ban of Plastic bags, Mayor Sam Adams committed to tackle the problem in Portland. Thursday July 21st City Council unanimously passed a ban of



all single use plastic checkout bags at large grocery stores and large retailers with pharmacies at point of sale. Produce and bulk bags, as well as privacy bags at the pharmacy will be exempt. Paper checkout bags will still be permitted without a fee. Shoppers can expect to see the change quickly. Grocers will have three months to transfer or use their existing supply of single use plastic checkout bags.

Check out the [Ban the Bag Rally](#) at City Hall before the vote. Some of you will recognize **Nastassja Pace (Class 42)** giving testimony as a Surfrider volunteer!

View the [FAQ's](#) on the Mayor's Office Website.

## Save the Date! Plastics and Our Oceans

Metro, Room 370, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland  
Wednesday, November 16th 6:30-8:30pm

Spend the evening hearing from two Portland residents who went on two separate [5 gyres expeditions](#) sailing through remote oceanic areas to study plastic pollution. **Nastassja Pace (Class 42)** will share her experience as a Master Recycler, a “Bag Banner” and artist focused on plastic bags. **Megan Ponder** worked in the Mayor Sam Adams’ Office and lead the Bag Task Force. She now works in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability on waste reduction policy development and implementation. Both will share their passions about plastics pollution prevention and their amazing adventures seeing the impacts of plastics in our oceans. They will also share the exciting outreach efforts happening world wide to solve this problem. Save the date for now. There will be an opportunity to RSVP in the next newsletter.

## Certified Master Recyclers

### The first of Class 47 completes her hours!

Cecelia Warner certified with a huge splash. Her project was featured in the Tribune and the front page of the [Forest Grove News Times](#) She was even interviewed by Channel 2 news. She worked in partnership with Adelante Mujeres, who organizes the Forest Grove Farmer’s market, to green up the market. Thanks to her efforts food vendors will be handing out durable plates, flatware and napkins. She also mobilized community youth volunteers to run food compost stations. Finally Cecelia started the [Forest-Grove-Greens Facebook page](#).



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Portland World Cup Recovery Planning

Fernhill Park, NE 37th Ave. and Ainsworth St, Portland

**Planning starts immediately.** Event is September 3rd through 5th

If you like soccer and inter cultural exchange, join this steering committee as the event recovery coordinator for an exciting community event. The [Portland World Cup Tournament](#) is a three-day soccer match created and hosted by [VOZ](#), Workers Rights Education. The World Cup tournament gives everyone a chance to represent one's own culture through a friendly soccer match, food, music, games, and other fun activities the whole family can enjoy! Attend committee meetings and design and implement a recycling plan.

Mitzi Sugar, [sweetgreenevents@gmail.com](mailto:sweetgreenevents@gmail.com)

## Oregon Brewers Festival

Tom McCall Waterfront Park, between Morrison and Burnside Bridges, Portland

Thursday, July 28th to Saturday, July 30th noon – 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 31st noon – 7 p.m. (shifts available)

Help improve the recycling efforts this year by helping train/supervise the recycling volunteers for a couple of shifts.

Contact: Mitzi Sugar, [sweetgreenevents@gmail.com](mailto:sweetgreenevents@gmail.com)

## West Linn Music in the Park

Tanner Creek Park, 3456 Parker Rd, West Linn

July 28th, August 4th, 11th, 25th 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Check out a kit from Clackamas County and inform concert goers about recycling while you train and supervise volunteers on event recycling and enjoy great music. Information on performers at: [westlinnoregon.gov/musicinthepark](http://westlinnoregon.gov/musicinthepark).

Event contact: Lisa Clifton, 503-675-1108, [lisamclifton@gmail.com](mailto:lisamclifton@gmail.com)

Kit contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, [sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us)

## Smurf's Movie Release

Century Eastport 16 Theater, 4040 SE 82nd Ave, Portland  
Friday, July 29th noon – 6 p.m. and/or Saturday July 30th noon – 6 p.m.

Check out a Portland Recycles! Kit with new residential compost messaging and let movie-goer's know "You don't have to be blue to go green".

Contact to check out a kit: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107,  
alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov  
Contact: Ryan Clothier, rwclothier@gmail.com

## Gresham Farmers' Market

NW 3rd St & NW Miller Ave, Gresham  
Saturdays July 30th and August 13th  
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join City of Gresham staff in a recycling information table at this bustling farmer's market.

Contact: Aubrey Lindstrom, 503-618-2206,  
aubrey.lindstrom@greshamoregon.gov



Centurion **Coleen Johnston (Class 36)** and **Melissa Baker (Class 40)** demonstrate their game they play with Milwaukie FM goers.

## Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair

NAYA, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland  
Saturday, July 30th 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Assist Metro with the Healthy Home booth.

Contact: Caran Goodall, 503-797-1693, caran.goodall@oregonmetro.gov

## Linnton Health Fair

Linnton Community Center Gymnasium  
10614 N.W. St. Helens Rd., Portland  
July 30th from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Check out the Portland Recycles! kit and staff an information booth at this community event that will aim to connect health with the environment.

Kit contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107, alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov  
Volunteer contact: Sara Present, sdpresent@dhs.state.or.us

## Beaverton International Festival

THRD Recreation Complex, SW 158th & Walker Roads, Beaverton  
Saturday July 30th 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.



*Play the Wheel of Fortune with Metro Staff.*

Staff a very fun interactive beanbag toss game and wheel of fortune game that helps people sort their recycling and learn about compost and greener cleaner as part of Metro's Sustainability campaign. Join Metro staff at these interactive booths set at events through out the summer.

Contact: Maria Davila,  
503-813-7578,  
Maria.Davila@oregonmetro.gov

## East Columbia Neighborhood Picnic

East Columbia Children's Arboretum, 1137 NE Meadow Dr, Portland  
Saturday, July 30th 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Check out a Portland Recycles! kit and set up an information booth at this family friendly community event. Free music, food and will be provided.

Kit contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7017, alica.polacok@portlandoregon.gov  
Volunteer contact: Michelle Edgar, 503-504-4796, michelle.edgar@yahoo.com

## National Night Out Events

### Oregon City National Night Out

Chapin Park, 340 Warner Parrott Rd, Oregon City  
Tuesday, August 2nd 6 – 9 p.m.

Check out the recycling or green cleaner kit and table at this fun neighborhood event.

Contact: Sherri Dow, Clackamas County 503-742-4463,  
sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

## Portland Area National Night Out

Portland Recycles! will be at National Night Out events and general information about the proposed curbside collection changes will be shared.

### **Glenfair Neighborhood**

Glenfair Park, NE 154th Ave & Davis St , Portland  
Tuesday, August 2nd 5 – 9 p.m.

### **Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood**

Earl Boyles Park, SE 112th Ave & Boise St, Portland  
Tuesday, August 2nd 5:30 – 9 p.m.

### **Mt Scott-Arleta Neighborhood**

Mt Scott Park, SE 72nd Ave & Harold St., Portland  
Thursday, August 4th 5:30 – 9 p.m.

Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107, [alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov)

### **Multifamily Event**

Hamilton Park Apartments, 1973 SE 122nd Ave, Portland  
Tuesday, August 2nd 6 - 8 p.m.

Last year's event was successful with an interactive recycling game for kids and information for adults. Come 30 minutes prior to the presentation and check on the recycling setup.

Contact: Kyenne Williams, 503-823-5054,  
[Kyenne.williams@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Kyenne.williams@portlandoregon.gov)

## Spanish-language Community Meeting

Sequoia Square Apartments, 247 SE 160th, Portland  
Wednesday, July 27th or August 3rd 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Present in Spanish on Multifamily Recycling at this 52 unit community. Please come 30 minutes prior in order to see the recycling setup.

Contact Joel Hanson, 503-280-3741, [JoelH@hapdx.org](mailto:JoelH@hapdx.org)

## Tualatin Farmers' Market

Tualatin Commons, 8325 SW Nyberg St, Tualatin  
Friday, August 5th 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Help staff the Regional Green Building Hotline table at this community farmers' market.

Contact: Valerie Garrett, 503-823-5431, [greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov)

## Wilsonville Fun in the Park

Town Center Park, 29800 SW Park Place, Wilsonville  
Saturday August 6th 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (shifts available)

Help table with a recycling bean bag game and Metro's Healthy Home booth. More information at [www.funinthepark.info](http://www.funinthepark.info).

Contact: Caran Goodall, 503-797-1693, [caran.goodall@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:caran.goodall@oregonmetro.gov)

## Milwaukie Farmers Market

Between Harrison and Jefferson, Milwaukie  
August 7th, 14th and 28th 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Master Recycler Mentor (and Master Gardener) Rob Kappa (Class 37) to staff a recycling table at this bustling farmers market. If you can't make this date, check the MR calendar for other dates. Rob will be there many dates throughout the summer.

Contact: Rob Kappa, (503)653-9575, [falkor01@comcast.net](mailto:falkor01@comcast.net)

## Matt Briggs Deep Green Home Tours

Locations will rotate in downtown Lake Oswego  
Saturday August 13th 1 – 5 p.m.

Check out a kit and staff an information booth of any topic of your choice: Recycling, Green Building Hotline (from Portland office), Greener Cleaner, compost/worm bins.

Volunteer contact: Lisa Clifton, 503-675-1108, [lisamclifton@gmail.com](mailto:lisamclifton@gmail.com)  
Kit Contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, [sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us)

## Clackamas County Fair

694 NE 4th Avenue, Canby

Tuesday, August 16th to Saturday, August 20th noon – 4 p.m. and 4 – 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 21st noon – 4 p.m.

Clackamas County Office of Sustainability tent includes Metro's Healthy Home display, reduce, reuse, and recycling information and more.

Admission and parking tickets provided, include your mailing address when you sign up. And don't miss the homemade pie!

Contact: Sherri Dow, Clackamas County 503-742-4463,  
sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

## Proper Festival

Kenton Park, 8417 N Brandon Ave,  
Portland

Saturday, August 27th

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Table at either Be Resourceful or for the Curbside Collection Rollout. This is a family friendly, North Portland event with this year's theme is "uniting the youth today to create a better tomorrow."

Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107,  
alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov



*Heather Hawkins (Class 35) talking about food scraps with Mayor Sam Adams.*

## The Community Appreciation Festival

Wilson High School, 1151 S.W. Vermont St, Portland

Saturday, August 27th 12:30 – 5 p.m.

Table with Be Resourceful at this Portland Public Schools event and share the durable lunch kits at this event for students, families and community members with back-to-school information.

Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107, alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov

## Beaverton Old Town Festival

Broadway Street, Beaverton

Saturday, August 27th noon – 4 p.m.

Help staff the Regional Green Building Hotline table at this community festival.

Contact: Valerie Garrett, 503-823-5431, [greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov)

## Southeast Sunday Parkways

Route connects Laurelhurst and Colonel Summers Parks, and Hawthorne Street Fair.

Sunday, August 28th 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Staff the Be Resourceful table at this event.

Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107, [alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov)

## Neighbors' Gathering on Recycling

1935 NE 59th Ave, Portland

Sunday, August 21st 6 - 6:30 p.m.

A Master Recycler is invited to offer a presentation on recycling to a small gathering of neighbors.

Contact: Candace Stoughton, 503-593-1388, [stoughton\\_candace@yahoo.com](mailto:stoughton_candace@yahoo.com)

## Beaverton Farmers Market

SW Hall Blvd between 3rd and 5th Streets

Wednesday, August 31st 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Help staff the Regional Green Building Hotline table at this community farmers' market.

Contact: Valerie Garrett, 503-823-5431, [greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:greenhotline@portlandoregon.gov)

## Portland World Cup

Fernhill Park, NE 37th Ave. and Ainsworth St. Portland

September 3rd and 4th 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

September 5th 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Staff a table about Portland Recycles! and the new composting program at this three-day soccer match that gives everyone a chance to represent one's own culture through a friendly soccer match, food, music, games, and other fun activities the whole family can enjoy!

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# Conservation News



## Got Bag on Facebook

Tell us what you're doing!

Lots of Portlanders are choosing to bring their own bags. Reusable bags come in a variety of styles and sizes—and they're not just for groceries anymore! [facebook.com/gotbag](https://www.facebook.com/gotbag)

Join us on Facebook and tell us – *where does your bag go?*

## Become an Energy Steward

Clackamas County's Energy Steward Program, an eight-week series of Wednesday evening classes and a Saturday field trip, starts Sept. 21st. Learn more about home energy and water conservation, thoughtful consumption, climate change, renewable energy and green buildings—Then share that knowledge with the community.

For more information, visit [www.clackamas/sustainability](http://www.clackamas/sustainability) or call 503-742-4460.

## Hillsboro Business Recycling Workshop

September 22nd

Join the Washington County Recycle at Work program, with the City of Hillsboro and the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, for a free business recycling workshops. Gain a marketing advantage over your competitors — learn how to reduce the amount of waste your business sends to the landfill and save money on your bottom line. For details contact [thomas\\_egleston@co.washington.or.us](mailto:thomas_egleston@co.washington.or.us).

# Job Opportunities

## Metro - several openings

Sustainability Center Puppeteer, Waste Reduction Education Assistant, Environmental Education Manager. Visit [Metro online](#) for more information.



### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

can be found in Job Seekers at the Master Recycler Forum.

[www.MasterRecycler.org](http://www.MasterRecycler.org)

