

Master Recycler Open House: Cedar Grove Composting Tour!

Saturday, March 3

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Metro headquarters, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland
Tour Cedar Grove Composting Facility in Everett, Washington (near Seattle)

In 2004, Metro signed a five year contract with Cedar Grove Composting to process the region's food waste. This contract has given Portland and Gresham businesses and schools the option to compost their food waste and food-contaminated paper.

Come tour the facility that makes all this possible. See the state of the art Gore-Tex like covers, rotation system and water catchment process. See how the company can turn what is now about 20% of Metro's waste stream into some of the best fertilizer out there!



Tour space is limited to 20 spots to be filled on first come, first served basis. Gas cost is not included in tour. Carpooling will be organized. The tour and travel will last about eight hours.

RSVP: J Lauren Norris, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us, 503.823.7530

MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM NEWS

Master Recycler Plastics Roundup

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Three great locations:

PCC Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Rd, Hillsboro

PCC Sylvania, 12000 SW 49th Ave., Portland

Floyd Light Middle School, 10800 SE Washington St., Portland

Tell your friends! Bring your plastics!

Got Stuff?

Want to find a new home for a reusable item? Why not announce it in the Master Recycler Waste Prevention Forum? It's easy: go to the Members' section of www.masterrecycler.org (user name: MasterRecycler, password: master) and select the "Electronic Forum." The first time you post something you will have to register. Simply pick a name and password and then post away! Master Recyclers have been posting their favorite reuse stores or non-profits there. You can even have the Forum notify you by email when someone posts something new there.

Don't have internet access? Not a problem. It can be posted for you. Contact J Lauren Norris, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us, 503.823.7530

Two More Graduates from Class 33!

That's right folks, the class that graduated in November has two more certified Master Recyclers! Erin Fitzgerald is starting a recycling program in her apartment building downtown, and did a precycle presentation at a women's shelter. But her most exciting project is good enough to receive a Metro grant! Erin is working with three middle schools in the region whose students

will draw waste prevention messages onto grocery bags donated by Fred Meyers. The newly decorated bags will then be redistributed to the store's customers, urging them to reduce, reuse and recycle. Kathleen High has been equally creative in her payback. She organized a Friends of the Earth Club at Jacob Wismer Elementary School. Kids there use video presentations to talk about greener cleaners, worm bins, waste prevention and recycling. She is also organizing events at her church that discuss upstream costs of consumption. Good work and congratulations to both of you on your certification!

Master Recyclers at the Fix-it Fairs

Master Recyclers talked to a whole lot of people at the Office Sustainable Development's Fix-it Fairs this winter! They staffed tables about compost and worm bins, greener cleaners, the Rebuilding Center, and Portland Recycles! at all three fairs. 1,500 people attended the fairs this year. A big thank you to all the volunteers who participated!



Yvonne Garcia and Erica Thygesesen (Class 33) talk about food waste containers

MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Swap-O-Rama-Rama

The 100th Monkey Studios, 110 SE 16th Ave., Portland
February 4, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer to lead a transformation workshop or host an alteration station at Swap-O-Rama-Rama, a clothing swap combined with a variety of do-it-yourself mini-workshops in which a community explores creative reuse through the recycling of used clothing and Portland's most creative craft mavens strut their stuff and share knowledge. Learn more at: www.swaporamarama.org/portland.htm

Contact: Erika, Irene and Julia, sorrpdx@yahoo.com

Coordinate and Staff Cully Neighborhood Cleanup Plastics Recycling

Cully Neighborhood, NE Portland
Contact Lauren by Saturday, February 10
Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 28

Cully, one of the largest neighborhood cleanups in Portland, would love to include plastic recycling as an option for residents. They invite a Master Recycler to make that happen through planning, outreach advice and organizing incoming plastics at the event. Advertising goes out this month, so please contact Lauren right away if you are interested in participating.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us, 503.823.7530

Flower Lane Garden Club Presentation

Leech Botanical Gardens, 6704 SE 122nd Ave., Portland
Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 am (negotiable time)

Team up with Master Recycler Mentor Judy Bloodworth for a presentation about recycling and waste prevention to the Flower Lane Garden Club, a group of "fairly sophisticated recyclers." They have several options for the presentation time.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us, 503.823.7530

Don't forget to log your
volunteer hours.

Visit masterrecycler.org and
click on the Members tab.

Username: MasterRecycler
Password: master

ReBuilding Center Table at the Portland Home and Garden Show

Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland
Wednesday, February 21 to Sunday, February 25

Spread the word about reuse and the ReBuilding Center at a table at the Portland Home and Garden Show. The Show is open for a range of hours Wednesday through Sunday.

Contact: Megan McCoy, volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org, 503.467.4985

JOBS

Additional open jobs are listed in the Master Recycler Forum in the Members section of the website. At the site, you can sign up to receive an email notification whenever a new job is posted.

Education Forester, World Forestry Center

Closes: Friday, February 2

The non-profit World Forestry Center, based in Portland, Oregon, is recruiting for an Education Forester. The Education Forester will work directly with students, teachers, and youth groups at the World Forestry Center's new Discovery Museum; tree farm properties in Sherwood and Silverton, Oregon; and at community events. Some weekend, evenings, and travel required. This full time position is funded for three years and includes medical, dental and 403-b plan benefits. Salary \$25-29,000 DOE.

More information: www.worldforestry.org

Store Manager, SCRAP

Closes: Friday, February 2

The School & Community Reuse Action Project (SCRAP) is a small non-profit organization that has an enormous impact in the arts and environmental community of Portland. SCRAP's mission is to promote creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing educational programs and affordable materials to the community.

The position is 32 hours per week, including at least one weekend day. Wage is \$11.50 per hour. Health insurance coverage is not provided for this position. This position is funded by the Gray Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

More Information: www.scrapaction.org

Director of Communications and Development, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

Closes: Monday, February 12

Directs the Communications and Development Department of the Park District, which includes public information and relations, legislative and government relations, marketing and marketing development, fund raising and sponsorship development, business/partnership development, emergency management, and press and media relations.

More Information: http://www.thprd.org/jobs/job_listings.cfm?nj=y

Solid Waste Environmental Engineer, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Closes: Friday, February 16

The Northwest Region Environmental Partnerships Section of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has an immediate opening for a full-time Solid Waste

Environmental Engineer. This position will initially be located in the Northwest Region's Portland office and may be transferred to the Region's Beaverton office when the office is opened in July 2007. This position functions as a project manager providing technical and administrative oversight to solid waste facilities. The position also provides the technical engineering evaluation of permit applications and/or engineering plans received from parties proposing to develop, modify, or close solid waste disposal sites.

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

Spring Education Internship, Audubon Society of Portland

Closes: Monday, February 19

Join the education team of the Audubon Society of Portland and tour the Pacific Northwest with youth eager to learn about the region's wild areas and wildlife. Gain the experience needed to lead tours of our sanctuary to elementary age children. Assist with our in-school programs and field trips to Mount St. Helens, Ape Caves, Beacon Rock and the Oregon Coast.

More Information: www.audubonportland.org

Green Building Program Manager, Office of Sustainable Development

The Green Building Program Manager in the Office of Sustainable Development (OSD) is responsible for implementing the City's efforts to make green building standard practice in Portland. The position will have significant visibility in representing OSD and the City's green building program in professional networks and play a key role in articulating Portland's goals for green building. This position will supervise a small team of professionals working on policy, technical assistance, incentives and education.

More Information: <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/07-036/07-036.htm>

Paralegal / Executive Assistant, EcoTrust

Closes: Wednesday, February 28

Provide administrative, paralegal, and investor relations support for Ecotrust Forest Management Inc. and in particular the newly developed private equity forestland investment fund, Ecotrust Forests LLC. Position may involve detailed real estate/investment transactional support on multiple levels. Ecotrust's Forest Management Inc. is the manager of Ecotrust Forests, LLC an ecological forestry fund. The goals of the fund are to demonstrate the profitability and viability of a fund that practices ecological forestry and capitalizes on the full range of forest values including timber harvesting, conservation easements, carbon storage, habitat banking and other ecosystem services.

More information: <http://www.ecotrust.org/about/jobbase.cfm>

CONSERVATION NEWS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

DEQ Seeks Public Comment on Draft Waste Prevention Strategy

Between 1993 and 2005, solid waste generation in Oregon rose 70%. State goals call for no increases in waste generation. Reducing waste generation is the realm of waste prevention and reuse. Waste prevention has environmental benefits that are, ton-for-ton, even greater than recycling. While recycling changes how people manage their discards, preventing waste requires changes in how Oregonians buy and use materials.

In response to increasing waste generation and the State's goals, the Oregon DEQ has drafted a Waste Prevention Strategy. The Strategy will direct DEQ's efforts for the next ten years to prevent waste generation. The draft Strategy identifies four areas where DEQ plans to focus its efforts:

1. Design, construction, remodeling, and demolition of buildings. Design considerations, including house size, are prominently featured.
2. Waste generation by businesses, with a short-term focus on packaging.
3. Education of consumers regarding high-impact consumer choices and the environmental and financial benefits of waste prevention alternatives.
4. Foundation research and analysis into the causes of increasing waste generation and the economic and environmental impacts of prevention.

While the Waste Prevention Strategy is an internal planning document that defines projects and roles for DEQ only, DEQ is inviting public comment on the draft Strategy. DEQ plans to release its draft Strategy in early February, and will hold public meetings to discuss the draft Strategy in Portland and Bend. Comments will be accepted for approximately six weeks. The draft Strategy and meeting details will be posted at this website: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/wasteprevention/wpstrategy.htm>.

Alternatively, for an e-mail notification of the draft Strategy, along with periodic (but infrequent) e-mails about other updates from DEQ's Solid Waste Program, go to <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/snippets.htm> and join the "SW Snippets" email group.

Think your Business is the BEST in Portland?

Commissioner Dan Saltzman and the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development invite Portland-area businesses to apply for the "Businesses for an Environmentally Sustainable Tomorrow (BEST) Awards." The BEST Awards are presented annually by the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development and other City partners to recognize businesses with significant and unique achievements in sustainability. The goal of the BEST Awards is to inspire the business community by showcasing innovation and commitment to sustainability.

Applications are now available. The application deadline is February 15. Winners will be announced at the BEST Awards Breakfast on April 19, 2007 at the Oregon Convention Center. Learn more here: <http://www.portlandonline.com/osd/index.cfm?c=41891>

Sustainable Offices Fair

Pacific University, Forest Grove
Thursday, February 8, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pacific University in Forest Grove is hosting an eco-friendly office products fair. The fair will feature products with high recycled content, low toxicity and other attributes. Information is available from Elaine Jane Cole at 503.357.5960 or cole4105@pacificu.edu.

The Life Cycle of Electronic Products

University of Oregon Portland Center
Friday, February 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This one-day workshop presented by Wayne Rifer will address environmental impacts of electronic products and how impacts are being addressed around the world by government, industry and environmental advocates. Part of the University of Oregon's Sustainability Leadership series. \$175 - \$200. Register at <http://sustain.uoregon.edu> or call 541-346-4231 or 1-800-824- 2714.

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