

February News

Region Wide Agreement Reached on Materials Accepted in Curbside Programs!

Over the last six months, Metro hosted a series of dialogs that included local governments, DEQ, haulers, paper mills and material recovery facilities to tackle a regional problem: creating a list of do's and don'ts for curbside recycling so that the region can have a uniform collection program.

The group worked together to decide what is accepted in all regional residential recycling programs as well as how to prepare materials throughout the region. Consistency will be less confusing to the public and help with public outreach and customer service.

These stakeholders essentially used two criteria to decide whether a material was accepted. 1) The material must have a viable market. 2) The processors (haulers and material recovery facilities) must be capable of getting the material to the market. The motive is to ensure that there is never a need to remove a material from the list (and confuse the public) and to ensure that everyone's efforts result in the same goal: the actual recycling of material.

After much deliberation, and tracking of some of the more questionable markets, the group has come up with a definitive answer. (Portland will not implement these changes until we move to the new recycling system in the spring.)

So, Master Recyclers, you have a new list to memorize, but at least it is the same list region-wide:

Glass bottles and jars set aside in a rigid container or old recycling bin.

Motor oil in a screw-top plastic container with a lid.

Plastics:

- Containers with a neck or screw-on lid, 6-oz. or larger.
- 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.



Paper materials: (no need to flatten cartons and small boxes)

- Newspapers
- Phone books
- Magazines
- Cardboard
- Junk mail
- Milk cartons and aseptic boxes
- Various mixed paper (cereal boxes, egg cartons, wrapping paper)
- Shredded paper placed in a paper bag.



Paper NOT included: – ream wrappers -freezer food cartons – coffee cups – food contaminated material – paper towels or toilet tissue.

Metals:

- Tin cans (no need to flatten or remove labels)
- Aluminum foil free of food
- Empty aerosol cans
- Scrap metal no larger than 30" X 8" and 30 lbs
- If you include small items (lids, nails, etc.), place in tin can and crimp it closed
- Dried paint cans

Metals NOT included: Do not include metal smaller than 2" if you don't want to place in can.



Certified Master Recyclers

Kacia Brockman (Class 24) certified in January. Kacia tabled at many Fix-It Fairs which is where she completed her hours sharing her expertise in green remodeling. She was also a huge help in talking to multifamily residents in a series of presentations on recycling for the Housing Authority of Portland.



Diane's holiday green gifts for friends and family this year

Diane Lancon (Class 33) certified in November 2007. While she helped with loads of tabling and plastics roundups, she really found her stride at the Greener Cleaner table. Diane fell in love with this topic the minute the spot remover worked some miracle for her and she has made some great suggestions to improve our kit (including adding the evil air freshener).

Mary Otto (Class 34) spent much of her summer hours doing payback at the Oregon City Farmers Market and West Linn Old Time Fair. Many of you will have seen her at the Floyd Light Middle School as she has committed to co-coordinate this and the spring Master Recycler Plastics Roundup.

Thank you all for your commitment to conserving our natural resources!!!

Washington County Open House

Washington Co. Public Service Building (PSB) in the Auditorium
155 N. 1st Avenue, Hillsboro
Thursday, January 31, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Master Recyclers are invited to a winter recycling forum with guest speaker Jeff Murray, President of Far West Fibers. Mr. Murray will share what plastics they accept at the Material Recovery Facility, how they sort them and where they go. There will be a question and answer period.

You'll also get a chance to learn more about how Master Recyclers can help with the Washington County conversion to roll carts. Light refreshments will be served.

Save the Date!

Master Recycler Spring Tour

Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon
Saturday, March 29th 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

RSVP: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530, masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

Volunteer Opportunities

Washington County Urban Unincorporated Recycling Roll Cart Outreach

The urban unincorporated Washington County launched their roll cart recycling program! While some Washington County cities already have roll carts, 53,000 homes outside of city limits, but inside the Metro Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), will receive recycling roll carts in 2008. Join the effort!

Washington County partners with volunteers from the Master Recycler program to perform educational outreach to residents new to roll cart recycling. From use of their container to the materials accepted, volunteers will be dispatched to a hauler's route with approved scripts and glass bin stickers. Volunteer feedback includes minimal data to help future outreach. Volunteers may

perform outreach on this flexible project throughout 2008. From one assignment to multiple - it's your choice! Also, volunteers to help lead other teams of volunteers would be greatly welcomed.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, (503) 846-3651 michelle_pimentel@co.washington.or.us

Farmington Gardens Sustainability Series

21815 SW Farmington Road, Beaverton
Choose your Saturday

Farmington Gardens is looking for a speaker to conduct a Saturday class on recycling, or greener cleaners, or composting, or worm bins. Class time would be approx. 1 hour.

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

ReBuilding Center Greeter

3625 N Mississippi Ave, Portland
Any time 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mon – Sat
or 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday

Would you like to become one of The ReBuilding Center's regular smiling faces? Become a TRC volunteer greeter.

The ReBuilding Center sees hundreds of visitors everyday, many of whom are unfamiliar with the mission, the warehouse, and purchasing procedures of TRC. Help provide quality customer service in a warehouse that is buzzing with activity, materials, and people. This is a fun opportunity to get to know a diverse group of TRC staff and customers, all while promoting the sustainable reuse of building materials. Come volunteer for a two hour shift anytime during our business hours to see if you're interested in making a long term commitment (and feel free to bring a friend!). By becoming one of the regular volunteers you'll become a TRC warehouse expert, a valued friend of the TRC staff, AND you'll get to have one of the best opportunities to snag arriving inventory.

Contact: Sam Schongalla, (503)467-4985 volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

Don't forget to log your
volunteer hours.

Visit masterrecycler.org and
click on the Members tab.

Username: MasterRecycler
Password: master

Fix-It Fair

Roosevelt High
6941 N Central Avenue,
Portland
Saturday, Feb. 2nd

All table shifts are
8 a.m. – noon
and
11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
These include set
up and take down
assistance.



Satish Palshikar and Lindae Regan (both Class 36) talk about recycling at the January Fix-it Fair

There are still slots for the upcoming February Fair with a topic for everyone. These fun community events offer money-saving solutions and educational opportunities to low-income households while emphasizing healthy, environmentally friendly homes and gardens. This is one of the most effective tabling opportunities for Master Recyclers. It reaches a diverse audience who come specifically to learn what you have to teach. Fix-It Fairs are sponsored by the Office of Sustainable Development.

If you speak Spanish you are especially encouraged to participate at this upcoming Fix-It Fair because it will focus on providing more resources to Hispanic families in the community.

Topics:

- Portland Recycles!
- Greener Cleaner
- Remodel it Green
- Metro's Compost/wormbin (with Metro staff)
- The Rebuilding Center

There's even free Burgerville meals for everyone!

Contact: J Lauren Norris, (503)823-7530 masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us
(let me know what topic and shift you prefer)

Arbor Roses Community Event

TV Hwy Hillsboro

Saturday, Feb 2nd 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

A group of class 36-ers are working on an education initiative for Washington County/Hillsboro residents who recently received their recycling roll carts.

Contact: Tracey Gamley, traceygamley@yahoo.com

Lions Club at Tigard

Davidson's Restaurant, 12830 SW Pacific Hwy (99-W), Tigard

Wednesday, Feb. 6th or Feb. 20th

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Includes lunch from 11:30 – 12:20

Tigard Lions Club invites a Master Recycler to talk their group through what happens to recycling from the curb to the end markets. You could use an updated version of power point used in Master Recycler class or your own material.

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Cully Neighborhood Cleanup Plastics Recycling

5520 NE Killingsworth, Portland

Contact Lauren by Saturday, February 8

Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 28

Cully, one of the largest neighborhood cleanups in Portland invites a Master Recycler to include plastic recycling as an option for residents. Advertising goes out this month, so please contact Lauren right away if you are interested in participating.

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Master Recycler Plastics Round Up - Westside

Lake Oswego: 5400 Meadows Rd.

Or

Rock Creek: Westview High School 4200 NW 185th Ave.

Saturday, Feb. 9th 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Help residents of all ages with those hard to recycle plastics.

Indicate which shift you would like - we have almost no volunteers for Lake Oswego and the Westview still needs help in the afternoon!

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

Portland Home & Garden Show

Portland Expo Center

2060 N Marine Dr, Portland

ReBuilding Center Table

Thursday, Feb. 20th – Monday, Feb. 24th

Two hour shifts available anytime from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Do you know and love the ReBuilding Center? Come share your enthusiasm with participants of the Build, Remodel, and Landscape Show. You'll get some basic training, have a great time, and receive free admission to this great event!

Contact: Sam Schongalla, 503.467.4985 volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

Neighbors West-Northwest Neighborhood Clean Up Training

Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Wistar-Morris Conference Room

1015 NW 22nd Avenue, Portland

Wednesday, Feb. 27th 6 p.m.

Neighbors Northwest invites a Master Recycler to attend their Neighborhood Clean-Up training to help answer technical questions about recycling.

Contact: Alison Wallisch, 503-823-4265 alison@nwnw.org

Cathedral Park Cooperative Preschool Presentation on Recycling

7119 N. Portsmouth Blvd, Portland

Thursday, March 13th 6:30 p.m.

The Cathedral Park Cooperative Preschool parents meet once a month and they would like to invite a Master Recycler to do a recycling presentation at their March meeting. Check out a Master Recycler Kit of your choice.

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Spiffin' Up Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

NE Killingsworth and MLK Jr. Blvd.

Saturday, April 19th 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. plus celebration after

The North Northeast Business Association (NNEBA) requests the assistance of Master Recyclers to help divert reusable and recyclable landfill-bound items from the collected materials at the second annual Spiffin' Up Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard SOLV IT event. Master Recyclers are invited to event planning meetings to lead the creation of a simple and effective system for recovery.

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Washington County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Washington Co. Public Service Building (PSB)

155 N. 1st Avenue, Hillsboro

Second Thursdays per Month 10 a.m. – noon

Term: Five years

Recruitment ends on March 4, 2008.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners seeks public members to serve on the Washington County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). This nine-member committee will advise the Board on innovative recycling and waste prevention programs and help to set fair garbage/recycling collection rates.

Contact: Kellie Crowdis, Solid Waste and Recycling Program, (503)846-8609

Job Opportunities

SOLV Executive Director

SOLV is seeking a self-directed, motivated and enthusiastic Executive Director who will continue to lead the organization to the next level. The Executive Director (ED) supervises and manages all of the business and affairs of SOLV, providing leadership and vision across the organization and to outside constituents. The ED cultivates major donors and ensures the financial integrity of the organization, and ensures that SOLV operates in an ethical manner, meeting all workplace requirements and organizational standards.

To learn more please visit www.solv.org

Energy Trust of Oregon Market Research and Evaluation Analyst

The Market Research and Evaluation Analyst will have responsibility for developing, designing and managing or supporting market research and evaluation projects. The projects inform and support Energy Trust program improvements, marketing strategies and estimate savings impacts. Depending on project size and scope the Analyst may work independently on projects, as a lead or in support role with an internal team or provide direction and support to a market research or evaluation contractor. In this capacity the Analyst will work and coordinate with members of the IT, program implementation and planning departments as well as the many consulting firms that implement Energy Trust's market research and evaluation studies, as well as the Program Management Contractors who perform some market research. The Analyst will work under the direction of the Evaluation Manager. The Analyst will also be responsible for assisting in the management in the market research and evaluation planning, participating in regional and national evaluation and market research collaboration efforts and the presentation of study results.

for More information, please visit www.energytrust.org

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DEQ Waste Prevention Specialist

\$46,176 to \$67,572

Close: February 18, 2008

Announcement Number: LE080031

As a Waste Prevention Specialist, you will lead and support projects to implement DEQ's Waste Prevention Strategy, including primary responsibility for projects related to waste prevention in design, construction, remodeling, and demolition of buildings. You will be responsible for detailed project planning and implementation in consultation with project partners; directing work of project teams; overseeing selection and work of contractors; researching best management practices; resolving complex issues to implement projects; and involving interested parties. You will coordinate activities

with other staff, industry, and interested parties and provide technical and analytical support to other projects and staff, particularly in the area of environmental life cycle analysis of materials.

For more information go to <http://www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs/le080031.htm>

Conservation News

Assessing your Ecological Footprint

Downtown Portland

Tuesdays, March 11th, 18th and April 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd 7 – 9:00 pm
\$25 fee

The Ecological Footprint is an internationally respected tool for measuring the resource consumption and waste assimilation requirements of a given population or individual. Each session will include a presentation by a local expert and small-group discussion. Facilitated by Recycling Advocates founder Jeanne Roy.

To Reserve a space, contact Center for Earth Leadership, (503)227-2315
Or e-mail: Jeanne@earthleaders.org

