

January News

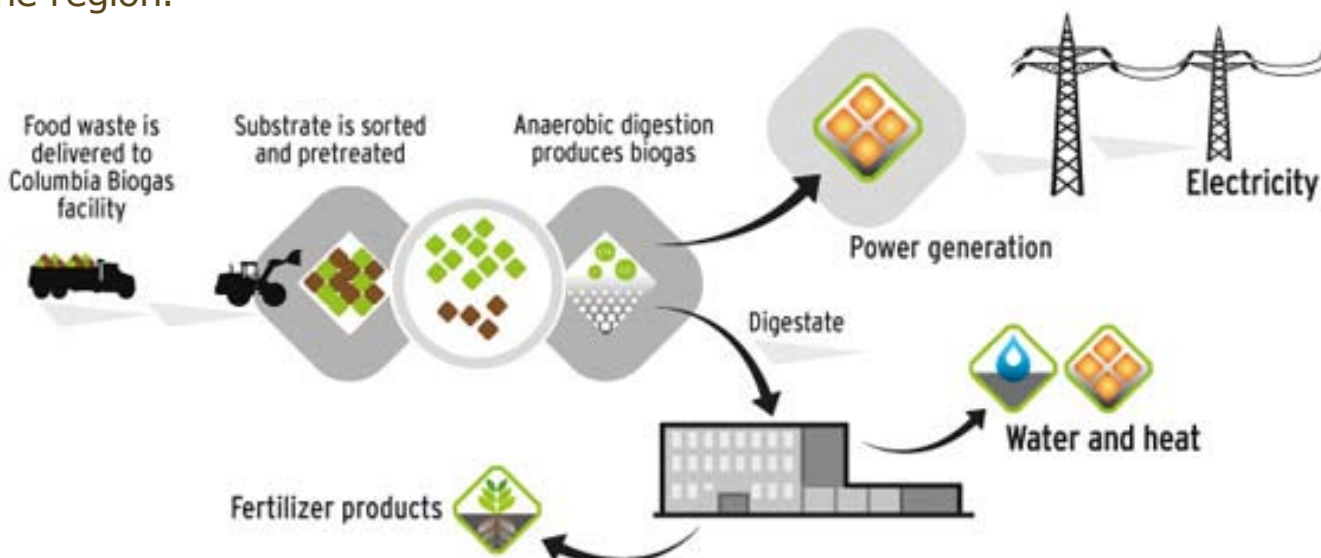
There's Another Food Compost Player in Town!

Local businesses including restaurants, grocery stores, and industrial food processors may soon have a new option of where to send food scraps for recovery. The City of Portland signed a letter of support and the Metro Regional Council voted unanimously for the issuance of a solid waste facility franchise for [Columbia Biogas](#).

[Cedar Grove](#), a compost facility in Washington, currently receives all Portland Composts! business' food scraps. Local companies, [Recology](#) and [Republic Services](#), are gearing up to accept business and residential food scraps and yard debris from various parts of the region. All three facilities turn the organic material into fertilizer for use by residents, landscapers and farmers. What makes Columbia Biogas different is their proposal to convert food scraps into renewable energy before turning it into fertilizer.

Before the food scraps are composted they will be deprived of oxygen. When the bacteria breaks down in this closed (or anaerobic) environment it emits methane. The methane-based biogas is used to fuel clean-burning power generators that produce renewable power. (See diagram from their website). Columbia Biogas will sell the energy to nearby industry and even conceivably to local utilities. They predict the generated energy could provide power equivalent to the needs of four to five thousand homes.

The facility will be located in NE Portland's Cully neighborhood, but Columbia Biogas plans to accept food scraps from businesses throughout the region.



Volunteer Opportunities

Build, Remodel and Landscape Show

Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE ML King Blvd, Portland

Friday, January 7th 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 8th 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 9th 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Shifts available

Talk to residents about this important reuse organization and their many great programs.

Contact: Rosie McGown, 503-467-4985, volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

Region-wide Whole Foods Market Post Holiday Recycling Event

Fremont 3535 NE 15th Ave, Portland

Pearl 1210 NW Couch St, Portland

Hollywood 4301 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland (afternoon shift only)

Laurelhurst 2825 East Burnside St, Portland

Tanasbourne 19440 NW Cornell Rd, Hillsboro

Bridgeport 7380 SW Bridgeport Rd, Tigard

Saturday, January 8th 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Whole Foods is organizing a Post-Holiday recycling event to collect non-curbside plastics, electronics, Styrofoam, clothing and household items. They invite Master Recyclers to set up an information table to inform participants about curbside recycling and where to bring non-curbside materials for reuse and recycling year round. Contact the Whole Foods representative listed below to let her know which store you want, then contact Lauren or Michelle to set a time to check out and return a recycling kit and literature.

Contact to volunteer: Dena Hastings, 503.287.3545 ext. 213, Dena.Hastings@wholefoods.com

Contact for kit at Portland locations: Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530, masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

Contact for kit at Hillsboro and Tigard stores: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651, michelle.pimentel@co.washington.or.us

Fix It Fair: Healthy Families, Healthy Homes



These fun community events offer money-saving solutions and educational opportunities to low-income households while focusing on healthy, environmentally friendly homes and gardens.

Two remaining dates, five information tables and several shifts:

January 22, 2011 | Parkrose High School | 12003 NE Shaver St
February 26, 2011 | Jefferson High School | 5210 N Kerby Ave

Topics:

- Be Resourceful
- Portland Recycles!
- Metro Healthy Homes
- Rebuilding Center
- Remodel It Green

This is one of the most effective tabling opportunities, reaching a diverse audience who come specifically to learn what you have to teach. This is a big effort all Master Recyclers are invited to join in.



Glasper West (Class 41) talking with resident about greencleaners.

Free food and childcare available for everyone! For more information visit www.portlandonline.com/bps/fif.

Contact: J Lauren Norris, 503-823-7530, masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

VegFest Recovery Plan and Volunteer Training

Planning Meetings start early February

**Don't forget to log
your volunteer hours**

Visit the Members area of
www.masterrecycler.org

Help [NW VEG](#), a local grassroots nonprofit, improve waste recovery at the seventh annual VegFest on Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th. Planning meetings begin early February. Recovery focus includes recycling and compost, exhibitor serviceware, a plan for recycling aseptic cartons, and training of recycling volunteers during the event.

Contact: Anne Goldfeld, 503-690-8348, volunteer@nwveg.org

Oregon Children's Theatre

Hatfield Hall, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland

Dates TBD (production runs 1/23-2/20)

Diary of a Worm, a Spider, and a Fly is going green! In keeping with the earth science themes of the show, Oregon Children's Theatre is using nearly all recycled and repurposed materials for its set, costumes and props.

Table at a production with the Be Resourceful kit. Talk to parents and students about how they can get more of the good stuff in their lives.

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

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ReBuilding Center Volunteer Training

ReBuilding Center Offices, 3625 North Mississippi Ave, Portland

Wednesday, January 5th 6 p.m.

Polish up on your knowledge of the ReBuilding Center and its many great programs at this training for their volunteers. Helpful if you're interested in working at any of the tradeshow between January and March.

Contact: Rosie McGown, 503-467-4985, volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

Application for 2011 BEST Awards opens January 17th

Do you know of a business in the Portland metropolitan area that has demonstrated excellence in promoting social equity, economic growth and environmental benefits? Application for this year's prestigious BEST Awards opens January 17th. Visit the [BEST Business Center website](#) for more information or to sign up for BEST Award updates.

The Economics of Happiness Film Tour

First Unitarian Church, 1011 Southwest 13th Ave, Portland

Friday, January 21st 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Join [Helena Norberg-Hodge](#), author of Ancient Futures and winner of the Right Livelihood Award, for a premiere showing and discussion of her new documentary, The Economics of Happiness, about the worldwide movement for economic localization. Hosted by the Center For Earth Leadership.

Center for Earth Leadership's Eco-School Network

Informational meeting

Tuesday, January 25th 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

[The Eco-School Network](#) is a group of parents and staff from 34 schools in the greater Portland metropolitan area working on sustainability efforts. Network members share resources and project guides, exchange ideas, coordinate efforts, and help inspire one another.

For location and additional information, contact: Emily Klavins, 503-227-2315, emily@earthleaders.org

Job Opportunities

Enviromedia jobs

Numerous offerings: Media relations: Hispanic-media expert, senior strategist, account supervisor. Visit enviromedia.com/careers for more information.

Growing Gardens Development Director

Closes 1/12/2011. For more information, visit www.growing-gardens.org/Files/DevelopmentDirector2011Final.pdf.

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