

Summer Projects: Waste or Opportunity?

I don't know about you, but for me, summer means at least one major household project. Last year I gutted the bathroom. This year it's time to re-roof. While these projects can be an opportunity to add personal touches to your home, it is also an important time to deepen a commitment to reducing, reusing and recycling.

Did you know that 22 percent of Oregon's waste is from construction and demolition? It's one of our fastest growing waste streams. Master Recyclers can help stop this growth by integrating information about construction waste reduction into your presentations, tabling events and conversations with neighbors.

Here are some tips and resources to get you started:

Reduce

- Think simple. A room does not need to be ornate to be beautiful
- Think small. More square feet requires more materials
- Design using standard sizes so that less material has to be cut away
- Consider sustainable materials that are durable and recyclable and will be easy to deconstruct
- Use classic designs that will be popular for years
- Take care of structures so they last longer
- Buy materials (wood, fasteners, screws, etc.) in bulk



Reuse

- Buy used materials from places like The Rebuilding Center or Rejuvenation
- Use Metro's Recycled Paint
- Deconstruct existing structures so that you can reuse materials or bring them to locations that will reuse them
- Furnish from resale stores instead of buying new furniture

Recycle

- Set aside an area to sort recyclable materials
- Haul recyclables (including wood and scrap metal) to a Metro transfer station
- Take appliances, ceramics, dirt, and concrete to a recycler

Resources

- Metro Paint - www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleID=521
- Metro Construction Industry Recycling Toolkit (includes contractors familiar with the three R's) - www.metro-region.org/library_docs/recycling/toolkit.pdf
- Metro's Find a Recycler Database - www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=1383
- City of Portland's Green Home Remodel Guide - www.green-rated.org (look under publications)



A kitchen remodeled with reused materials from The ReBuilding Center

Have a great July!



J Lauren Norris, Master Recycler Program Coordinator

MASTER RECYCLER NEWS

Congratulations to Newly-Certified Master Recyclers!

Congratulations and thank you to three Master Recyclers who certified this last month! Diane Newell (Class 25), Elizabeth Johnson (Class 27) and Bobbee Murr (Class 31) all completed their commitment of 30 hours.

Metro Campaign on Curbside Recycling

Metro and local jurisdictions joined together to launch a regional outreach campaign to deal with two difficult materials in curbside recycling: Glass and Plastic Bags. Since glass and plastic bags gum up the equipment at sorting facilities, local jurisdictions will require that glass be placed on the side instead of in recycling bins or carts. Metro will run television ads that will inform the public of this change and remind people that plastic bags are not accepted in curbside programs.

Master Recyclers can help the campaign by emphasizing these messages when you communicate with the public. You can also help by distributing buckets recovered during the plastics roundups that are labeled with “Glass Only” stickers or “Glass Only” stickers for people to label their own containers. If you plan to table or do a presentation this summer and would like to hand out labeled buckets or stickers, please contact J Lauren Norris at 503-823-7530 or masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us

MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mississippi Street Fair

Saturday, July 15

N Mississippi Ave, Portland

Come help celebrate the diversity of neighbors and businesses of North Portland’s Mississippi Ave. Two volunteers needed in two shifts, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and 3:00 - 7:00 pm.

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

Lake Oswego Farmer’s Market

Saturday, July 15, 8:00 am- 1:30pm

Millennium Park, 1st & Evergreen, Lake Oswego

Join Master Recycler Joyce Walls (Class 32) to staff a creative table on reduce, reuse and recycle.

Contact: Joyce Walls, 503-232-0010 ex 312, joyce@southeastuplift.org

Cracked Pot Art Show Innovative Recycled Materials Booth

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 25 and July 26

McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey St, Troutdale

Come be a part of a fun, wildly popular recycled art show! Metro Waste Reduction Education is looking for 8 Master Recyclers to staff a booth demonstrating innovative products made from recycled materials at the Cracked Pots Garden Art Show. Engage the public with a short activity where people match products with the materials they are made from. Thousands of people attend this show where the emphasis is not just on art, but on creating beauty from recycled and reused materials. Don’t miss this fun chance to reach a large audience in a beautiful setting. Shifts are 12:30 – 4:00 pm and 3:30 – 7:00 pm for both days.

Contact: Amy Wilson, 503-797-1521, wilsona@metro.dst.or.us

Cracked Pot Art Show Volunteer Coordinator

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 25 and 26, 1:00 - 8:00 pm

McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey St, Troutdale

People who attend the Art Show are able to purchase items that were reclaimed from the landfill and give them new lives. The Art Show Coordinator is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for the two day event and people to fill shifts during the event, which could be done in two-hour shifts of two volunteers each day.

Contact: Julie Case, 503-648-8016, Julie_case@beaverton.k12.or.us

Washington County Fair

Thursday, July 27 to Sunday July 30

Washington County Fairgrounds, 373 NE 74th, Hillsboro

Answer questions about recycling and compost at the Master Recycler/Washington County Booth. No set up or take down necessary. Parking and entrance passes provided. Choose one or many 3.5 hour shifts: 9:30am - 1:00 pm, 1:00 - 4:30 pm, and 4:30 - 8:00 pm Thursday through Sunday.

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

Hillsboro Celebration

Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6

Main Street, Hillsboro

Come celebrate Hillsboro in two full days of music performances on the Civic Center Plaza Main Stage. The event will feature a variety of local and national performers appealing to Hillsboro's diverse community. Spanish-speaking Master Recyclers especially needed.

Two volunteers needed for two shifts each day: Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and 3:00 - 7:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

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

Clackamas County Farmers Markets

Canby: Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Milwaukie: Sundays 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Molalla: Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Oregon City: Saturdays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sandy: Fridays 5 - 8 pm, Saturdays 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

West Linn: Wednesdays, 4:00 - 8:30 pm

Don't you just love the bustle and positive atmosphere in your favorite Clackamas County Farmers Market? Join in by adding a table on reduce, reuse and recycle! You can pick one date or a series. Clackamas County has market contact numbers and can provide a table, kits and brochures. Most of the markets also have Master Gardeners who are willing to share their tables.

Contact: Sherri Dow, 503-353-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

JOBS

Manager of Corporate Volunteer Services, SOLV

Closes: Open Until Filled

The Manager of Corporate Volunteer Services manages various aspects of volunteer recruitment and placement of volunteers in SOLV programs, tracks volunteer activities and promotes giving opportunities. For full job description & requirements: <http://www.solv.org/about/jobs.asp>

To Apply: Send resume and cover letter to: pamela@solv.org, or mail to Pamela Sery, SOLV, 5193 NE Elam Young Pkwy., Suite B, Hillsboro, OR 97124.

Water Resource Educator, Portland Water Bureau

Closes: June 29th

Temporary position, flexible hours.

Salary range: \$12-19 per hour, depending on experience. No benefits are provided.

The Portland Water Bureau is seeking a seasonal educator for the water resource education program. The temporary position would last until approximately November 2006. The Bureau's intent is to hire a full-time permanent educator in the fall/winter of 2006. Temporary seasonal staff would be eligible to compete for the permanent position (with benefits).

Interested applicants should send a résumé and cover letter by 5pm on Thursday, June 29th, 2006 to:

Briggy Thomas
Portland Water Bureau
1120 SW 5th Avenue, Room 600
Portland OR 97204

Inquiries: Briggy Thomas, 503.823.7407, mylat@water.ci.portland.or.us

Deconstruction Program Site Manager & Assistant Manager, The ReBuilding Center

Closes: July 10

A project of The ReBuilding Center of Our United Villages, DeConstruction Services disassembles unwanted building and structures of all sizes, salvaging materials for re-use and recycling. Site Manager & Assistant Site Managers work together in managing and performing all aspects of job site activity and personnel as needed or directed. Manager compensation \$11-14, Assistant Mgr compensation \$10-12. Both include benefits. Please see web for more information: www.rebuildingcenter.org

Application process:

Cover letter and resume to: The ReBuilding Center, c/o DeConstruction Services, 3625 N. Mississippi Ave, Portland 97227. Fax: 503-331-1873.

No calls please.

Watershed Outreach Contract Position, Portland Parks and Recreation

Portland Parks & Recreation City Nature (PPR) is hiring an Outreach Coordinator to support the Fanno Basin Parks Stewardship Project, a multi-partnered watershed restoration and public education campaign focused on PPR managed natural areas in the Fanno Creek watershed. This is a full time, 12-month, contract position. \$13/hr.

Please submit your resume and references to:

Mark G. Wilson, Ecologist
Portland Parks & Recreation
City Nature Division
mwilson@ci.portland.or.us

Youth Volunteer Coordinator, OMSI

OMSI is looking for a Youth Volunteer Coordinator. The Youth Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for the coordination and continued development of OMSI's youth volunteer program. The Youth Volunteer Coordinator implements OMSI's training programs for youth volunteers, and coordinates youth volunteers who have completed their training program and are continuing to volunteer at OMSI. This is a regular, non-exempt, full-time position. \$12-\$13 hour. Application is available at www.omsiedu

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