

You're Invited: Master Recycler Quarterly Open House

Tuesday, June 15th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

For those of you who want to volunteer, but feel you need some additional training and tips, this is your night. It's also an evening for veterans to brush up on their outreach skills and identify volunteer opportunities.

The Open House will include:

- Presentations on residential and multifamily recycling, composting, vermiculture, hazardous waste and greener cleaners
- A new Master Recycler Mentor table
- Information on upcoming outreach events
- SCRAP activities
- Food
- A chance to get together with your fellow MRs
- And much more!

I look forward to seeing you there!



J Lauren Norris, Master Recycler Program Coordinator

MASTER RECYCLER NEWS

Master Recyclers Recycle and Reduce, Reuse Plastics

Word is out that the Master Recycler Plastics Roundups offer residents (and even some businesses) a great place to recycle non-curb-side plastics. The May 6th roundups attracted more than 900 cars carrying more than 8.5 tons of plastic!

The event went smoothly and was well attended thanks to the fantastic coordination and outreach of Pat Pullen-Jones, Cynthia Parker, Elizabeth Johnson, Sara Walker, Shannon Martin, Craig Clark, Tina Frasnely, and Debra Peerenboom. Thanks also to the 50 plus volunteers.



Dawn Mahn (Class 31) advises a participant on sorting

What many don't realize is how much Master Recyclers reduce and reuse at these events. One fabulous example is the new safety vests that Janet Berkebile (Class 20) made. She made the snazzy vests with Nike scrap material. Also, all of the sites had a reuse area. Participants came with their cars loaded with plastic to recycle and left with free dog igloos, children's horse rides, compost bins and garden hose reels.

No one adopted the reuse area more diligently than Ted Fuller (Class 18) who evaluated all incoming items for reuse. Thanks to his efforts the reuse area at the Cornell Road Roundup looked like a retail store. He saved over 100 buckets to use as "glass on the side" recycling containers and donated reusable plastics to Recycled

Gardens, Bonnie Hayes Animal Shelter, Goodwill and SCRAP. With efforts like these, it won't be long before Master Recyclers will have to be renamed Master Gleaners!

Congratulations to Newly-Certified Master Recyclers!

The following individuals volunteered 30 hours (and more) to reduce waste in the region:

Sue Shade (Class 27)
Billie Shultz (Class 28)
Linda Whitmore (Class 28)
Craig Clark (Class 30)
Dana Bushhouse (Class 31)

Portland residents and businesses recycled 560,000 tons of paper, glass, metal, plastics and other commodities in 2005. This saved almost 14.5 trillion BTU's of energy--enough to power half of the single-family homes in Portland for one year!

Clackamas Class 32 Graduates

Thirty people completed the spring course. The latest Power Point Presentations can be found on the members' website. Students were chomping at the bit to start their payback. Several were sighted three weeks before graduation at the Master Recycler Plastics Roundup. I can't wait to see what you accomplish!

Master Recycler Volunteer Opportunities

Spanish/English Speaker for Metro's Natural Discovery Garden

At least one Saturday or Sunday (your choice) in June
Blue Lake Regional Park NE 223rd and Marine Dr.

Metro is creating a chemical-free garden adjacent to the swim beach at Blue Lake Regional Park. Prior to garden design and implementation, Metro staff will survey park visitors about interests, knowledge about gardening and ideas for the garden. Metro seeks a Master Recycler who speaks and reads Spanish to survey Spanish-speaking park visitors about the garden. The volunteer will be paired with a staff member.

Contact: Lisa Heigh, 503-797-1611, heighl@metro.dst.or.us

Montevilla Kiwanis Club Luncheon Presentation

A Tuesday at 12:00 pm in June or July
Chinese Village Restaurant, 2145 NE 82nd, Portland

Give a presentation on how to sort curbside recycling and why some materials are or are not recyclable curbside. Lunch will be provided. You can pick up a curbside recycling kit, literature, magnets and yard debris stickers from J Lauren Norris.

Contact: Diane Dixon-Lars, 503-289-6427.

Portland Community Gardens Adult Education Compost Presentations

June 17th 9:00-10:00am, Fulton Community Garden, SW 3rd and Miles, Portland
June 24th 9:00-10:00am, Portland Community Garden location TBA
July 15th 9:00-10:00am, Fulton Community Garden, SW 3rd and Miles Portland

Sign up for one or multiple opportunities to teach adults about compost at Portland Community Gardens. Literature for your presentation is available at Metro Recycling Information Center. Presentations will be followed by work parties or further presentations.

Contact: Jen Dickson, 503-823-1612, commgardens@ci.portland.or.us

Portland Community Gardens Youth Education Compost Presentations

Wednesdays: Woodlawn Community Garden, 7200 NE 11th (off of Lombard), Portland
Thursdays: Lents Community Garden, SE 88th and Steele, Portland
Fridays: Fulton Community Garden, SW 3rd and Barbur, Portland

Sign up for one or multiple opportunities to teach children about compost at Portland Community Gardens. Two of the sites have worm bins (which need some love and care!) and one site does not. All three gardens have compost bins or compost areas. If the presentation happens before June 12th, it would be in the afternoon (Wed. 3:00-4:30, Thu. & Fri. 3:30-4:45); if the presentation happens after June 12th, it would be 9:00-10:00am at all three sites.

Contact: Sarah Goforth, 503-823-1617, childgard@ci.portland.or.us

Moreland Farmers Market

Wednesdays, through September 27, 3:30-7:30pm

Parking lot at corner of SE Milwaukie & Glenwood, across from the Moreland Theater.

The new Moreland Farmers Market invites Master Recyclers to offer a table or series of tables. You can choose your topic/s and borrow Master Recycler kits.

Contact: Laura Wendel, 503-341-9350, laura@morelandfarmersmarket.org

Explorando el Columbia Slough

Saturday, June 24, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Whitaker Ponds Natural Area, 7040 NE 47th Ave., Portland

The Spanish language environmental education festival will feature guided canoe trips on the Columbia Slough and music and dancing by the group Ballet Folklorico Sol Azteca. The event also includes bilingual storytelling, mural painting, face painting, bird watching, and free refreshments. Activities will be offered in both Spanish and English. Two Master Recyclers are invited (especially if you speak Spanish) to provide curbside recycling information alongside Metro Recycling Information Center employees.

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

Good in the Hood

June 24 & 25th 12-9:30

4000 block of NE 6th Ave., Portland

Shifts of volunteers needed to staff a curbside recycling table at Good-in-the-Hood, a multicultural music and food festival held annually in N/NE Portland. The festival features the best entertainment in the NW, a variety of cultural food vendors, an Information Village, a KidSpace arts & craft area and an ethnic marketplace.

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Pilot Project at the Zoo!

June-August Summer concerts and events

Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd., Portland

The Oregon Zoo is piloting a project on composting and recycling at their summer concert series, picnics and events. Master Recyclers will help event attendees understand and use the recycling and compost system. Several volunteers are needed for the Summer Concert Series, Compostable Picnic and other events.

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North American Organic Brewers and Sustainable Living Festival

Saturday, June 10, noon-5:00 pm

World Forestry Center, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland

Two shifts of two Master Recyclers are invited to staff a family oriented informational booth on reduce, reuse, recycle.

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Lake Oswego Farmer's Market

June 17th 8am- 1:30pm

Millennium Park, 1st & Evergreen, Lake Oswego

Join new Master Recycler Joyce Walls (Class 32) to staff a table.

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

Hillsboro Farmers' Market

June-September

Saturdays: Downtown Hillsboro, Main St. and 2nd Ave.

Sundays: Orenco Station, Orenco Station Parkway and NE 61st Ave.

One or several volunteers needed to staff a curbside recycling, compost or greener cleaner table.

Contact: Paula Brewer, 503-475-6697, paulabrewer2003@yahoo.com

Tualatin Valley Housing Partners

Pick a date: Monday-Thursday, June 19th – August 17th, 1:00 or 2:00 pm

Present reduce, reuse, recycle to young low-income children in Beaverton! Presentations will be scheduled to complement our free summer lunch program at two apartment complexes.

Contact: Tamara Failor, 971-226-0286, Res_Serv_Coordinator@verizon.net

JOBS

Downspout Disconnection Crew Leader and Canvasser

The City of Portland has two part-time temporary positions available to help protect Portland's rivers by disconnecting residential downspouts. Pay is \$13.67 per hour. Canvasser will work 25 hours per week; Crew Leader will work various Saturdays. Both positions last until October.

Contact: Anne Petterson, 503-823-3086, annep@bes.ci.portland.or.us

ReBuilding Center Driver & (Seasonal) Materials Handler

The ReBuilding Center has two positions available to help reuse construction material and reduce waste. Pay is \$10 per hour. Find application at the Rebuilding Center, 3625 N. Mississippi Ave. Portland, 503-331-1877, or www.rebuildingcenter.org

Audubon Society of Portland Environmental Educator

June 13th – September 1, Fulltime Summer Camp

The Audubon Society seeks one highly motivated, top-notch Environmental Educator with a solid understanding of the natural history of the Pacific Northwest. Applicant should enjoy working with children and a dynamic, close-knit team of educators. Pay is \$9.50 an hour. To apply please send a cover letter, resume and 2 letters of references to: Elizabeth Kramer, Camp Director, Environmental Educator Seasonal Position, 5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland, OR 97210 ekramer@audubonportland.org

NEWS

New York State Assembly Votes to Expand State Bottle Bill

Despite intense food and beverage industry lobbying, an updated bottle bill passed the New York State Assembly on May 10, 2006, by a two to one margin. The bill, which advocates call the "Bigger, Better Bottle Bill," would extend the current 5-cent container deposit law to include non-carbonated beverages like bottled water, juice and iced tea. It would also require beverage companies to return the unclaimed deposits to the state to fund recycling and other environmental protection programs. The New York State Senate must approve the bill before it becomes effective. Oregon's bottle bill, which was the first in the country, does not apply to non-carbonated beverage containers.

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