

May News

Food Scrap Pilot Launches Week of May 3rd!

In a well attended media event, Portland Mayor Sam Adams announced the locations of the Portland Food Scrap Collection Pilot.

Portions of the Richmond, Roseway, Centennial, Hazelwood and Arnold Creek neighborhoods were selected as pilot areas for the Portland Composts! pilot program that will test weekly curbside collection of food scraps and every-other-week garbage collection. Neighbors from one pilot area and our very own

Heather Hawkins (Class 35) were in attendance.



Heather Hawkins talks to the media about the food scrap pilot.

Under scrutiny of cameras and reporters, Heather did a fantastic job as our Compost Expert. See her in action and learn more about the food scrap program in KGW's coverage at www.kgw.com/home/Portland-Announces-Curbside-Compost-Collection-90796139.html.

Master Recyclers from all over the region have been asking for literature and talking points for tables and presentations. While the enthusiasm is well warranted, as the pilot only affects a very limited portion of the metro region it is best not to initiate a conversation about the program quite yet. Remember: This is just a test pilot! Below are some basic points about the pilot so as to be armed with good information:



- There are only 2,000 participating households in the pilot neighborhoods. They have already received an official letter, a roll cart tag, and this week will receive a kitchen pail for food scrap collection. Residents of the pilot areas should be encouraged to refer to these resources for more information.

- All other residents in the metro region should continue to place only yard debris in their yard debris containers. These containers are still going to local yard debris facilities that are not permitted to receive food scraps.
- Residents who live in the City of Portland can look forward to a citywide implementation of curbside collection next year.
- Clackamas County is watching Portland's residential food scrap pilot with interest. The information gathered will help make future decisions on the collection of food scraps from residents in the county. Work is underway within the County to identify locations for either transfer or composting of food scraps conveniently located for collection companies. Once these sites are identified, the County will consider a food scrap collection program for residential and commercial customers.
- Washington County's efforts are focused on expanding the role of Nature's Needs in receiving and composting mixed organics. This effort will continue during the coming year as they work to successfully complete their "demonstration project" related to receiving and processing non-green feedstock materials. Washington County will work with a number of commercial generators in the near future to develop new collection routes for mixed food waste feedstocks that would likely be targeted for disposal at Nature's Needs. However, they have no immediate plans to pursue any effort related to residential curbside mixed organics collection. Perhaps if the Portland and Salem efforts prove successful, and a long-term regional disposal solution for composting can be achieved, they will consider this direction.

To see more frequently ask questions about the Portland Composts! pilot, visit

www.portlandonline.com/bps/foodscrap.

Also, a big thank you to the Master Recyclers who have signed up to go door-to-door in the pilot area. Your work will assist residents to understand their new curbside system and ensure that it is a successful campaign. See Volunteer Opportunities section if you would like to join in.



J Lauren Norris

Master Recycler Vermicomposting Spring Tour

PCC Rock Creek Campus

17705 NW Springville Rd. Portland

Saturday, May 1st 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Space is limited to Master Recyclers only. Maximum Attendees: 30

Tour the PCC Rock Creek Campus vermicomposting program which closes the loop! From cafeteria to the worms to the organic garden and back again to the plates of hungry students, this program shows how simple steps to add vermicomposting to their campus has reduced their waste, provided learning opportunities for students, and helps to nourish visitors organically.

RSVP: Michelle Pimentel, michellepimentel@comcast.net

Master Recycler Metro Paint Tour

4825 N Basin Ave, Portland

Thursday, May 13, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Space is limited to Master Recyclers only. Maximum Attendees: 17

Ever wonder what happens to the paint you recycle at the Metro Hazmat Center? This is your opportunity to learn more about Metro Paint's collection, testing, color matching and more. The tour includes a discussion on the paint's origin and the opportunity to see the process that makes the 14 different Metro Paint colors.

RSVP: Lane' Richards (Class 39),
green.eco.chick@gmail.com.



Margaret Rodriguez Springer tables on curbside plastics.

Certified Master Recyclers

Margaret Rodriguez Springer (Class 42) completed her 30 hours at the Latino Cultural Fest in Hillsboro with outreach to Spanish

speakers. Meanwhile, she started a green team at Community Action Organization. This group will assess their recycling program and waste prevention which will act as a great model for the community they serve. In addition to this great work, Margaret and fellow Master Recyclers having been organizing opportunities for Master Recyclers to table at the Farmer's Market in Forest Grove for this spring and summer.

Kate McPherron (Class 43) must have broken some kind of speed record in certification! In the 34 days after Kate completed the class she tabled for the Rebuilding Center, Metro's Healthy Homes, and the Remodel it Green Hotline. Kate also took on a multifamily project which will be helpful to both the residents and Portland's Multifamily Coordinator.

Congratulations and Thank You to Newest Master Recycler Centurion Willow Elliott (Class 38)

Willow quickly certified a couple of years back with her passion for plastic roundups and tabling at community events.

She also started a green team at her business, Elliott Associates (whose efforts were recognized in the Daily Journal of Commerce). Willow recently moved to Sauvie Island. Living in her beautiful new surroundings seems to have sent her on a whole new recycling adventure and



Willow pictured behind her green team, from the DJC.

apparently she's taking her new community with her! Willow quickly learned that unincorporated Multnomah County, doesn't have the same recycling services available in most other parts of the region. She has gotten to know the Multnomah County Solid Waste and Recycler Coordinator and Waste Management's representatives and started working with the fire department, SOLV, and fellow Master Recycler **Seth Winkelhake (Class 43)** in an effort to clean up the island and improve recycling options for its residents. Thank you Willow for your commitment and enthusiasm!

Volunteer Opportunities

Portland Recycles! Food Scrap Pilot

SW, Inner SE, Outer SE, and Central NE Portland
Monday, May 10th and Tuesday May 11th 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday May 15th 11:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Required training at Metro 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland
May 4th or 6th 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Be a part of the next phase of Portland Recycles! Master Recyclers will answer questions and encourage residents to compost their food scraps

with a door to door effort. Pick one date or come to all three. Must attend one of the two training dates.

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

Portland Recycles! Small Grants Program Evaluation Project

Various locations in Portland

May – August, 2010. Time commitment varies.

The Portland Recycles! Small Grants Program offers grant money to neighborhood, community and nonprofit organizations for projects or items that will help overcome barriers to waste prevention, increase recycling and educate the community.

Provide technical assistance around waste prevention and recycling during the evaluation of projects and verify the necessary community education component of the organizations that were granted funds.

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

Portland Farmers' Market PSU Evergreen Campaign

PSU Park Blocks, Portland

Saturdays, March 20th – December 18th (pick your dates)

8:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

EverGreen, Portland Farmers Market's new green initiative, is aimed to increase recycling and decrease waste at the markets and will promote the virtues of low impact, local living. Table at any Saturday market during the season to distribute EverGreen materials and answer questions.

Contact: Ryan McLaughlin, ryan@portlandfarmersmarket.org

Hillsboro Farmers Market

Main Street and 2nd Ave, Hillsboro

Saturday, May 1st and May 15th

Shifts: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Table on recycling and Greener Cleaner (and worms later in the season). Times include set up and breakdown.

Contact: Heidi Lambek, 503-475-5850, oregontreehugger@gmail.com

Richmond One-Can-A-Month Recycle Challenge

richmond Neighborhood, Portland

Weekends of May 1st – 2nd, May 8nd – 9th, and/or May 15th – 16th

Assist families with in-home waste audits, and recycling and composting instruction. The Challenge involves 10 families switching from weekly to monthly garbage service, May to October 2010. Visit <http://richmondpdx.org> to learn more about the project.

Contact Allen Field, 503-236-3657, allen_field@yahoo.com

St. Johns Parade and Bizarre

St Johns Plaza, N Lombard St & Philadelphia Ave, Portland

Saturday, May 8th

Shifts: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Staff a Portland Recycles! booth at this community event. Included are local music, street performers, a vendor's market, sausage, pizza, a Biergarten, kids art activities, and a close proximity to all the wonderful business located in the St. Johns town center.

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



City of Gresham Event Coordination

Various dates, May 10th – May 28th

City of Gresham is looking for motivated Master Recyclers to target ten community events this summer and provide assistance to the organizers. The project consists of contacting the event coordinators between May 10th & 28th, helping the organizers develop a recycling plan, and checking back from June to August. Support and recycling information materials will be provided by City of Gresham.

Contact: Karen Guillén-Chapman, 503-618-2752,
Karen.Guillen-Chapman@GreshamOregon.gov

Annual Kenton Neighborhood Cleanup

7654 N Delaware, Ave, Portland

Saturday, May 15th

Shifts: 9 a.m. – noon and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Master Recyclers at a Kenton Neighborhood Cleanup.

Share household waste reduction, reuse and recycling information and resources with the public.

Contact: Teri Thomas Petersen, 503-880-5722,
terithomaspetersen@yahoo.com

Roseway Spring Cleanup

7016 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland
Saturday, May 15th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Help maximize what is pulled and sorted for reuse and recycling (including materials for a sculpture that will be made on-site). This would most likely include training volunteers on recycling guidelines.

Contact Jane Rosenstein, rosensteinj@gmail.com

Public Works Weekend

Washington Square Mall, 9585 SW Washington Square Rd, Tigard
Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th
Saturday Shifts: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.,
3:30 - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Sunday Shifts: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., 3:30 - 7 p.m.

Come share the principals of the “Three Rs” at this well-attended public works agency event. Materials and displays will be set-up prior to the Saturday start time, but the final shift on Sunday will pack away materials for transportation to the County offices.

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

Richmond Neighborhood Cleanup

Central Christian Church, 1844 SE 39th Ave, Portland
Saturday, May 22nd 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Come and table at this event. As many as 150 households come through to unload various items and check out the U-Price It Sale.

Contact: Colin Cigarran, 971-221-2702, colincigarran@yahoo.com

Living La Vida Healthy

Bridger K-8 School, 7910 SE Bridger St, Portland
Saturday May 22, 10 a.m. – noon

Table with information that students and their families at this fair/carnival type event

Contact: Kat Sandor, 360-921-3456, ksandor@impactnw.org

Oregon City Farmers Market

Clackamas County Public Service Center, 2051 Kaen Rd, Oregon City
Saturday May 22nd 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pick a topic that interests you from Clackamas County's Office of Sustainability kits: Recycling, Composting, Greener Cleaners, and more.

Contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

Sellwood Middle School Sustainability Fair

8300 Southeast 15th Ave, Portland
Sunday, May 23rd 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Assist Master Recycler Heather Randol (Class 38) at this sustainability fair. The booth may have a specific focus on greener cleaners or durables.

Contact: Heather Randol, 503-206-4508, hmsrandol@hotmail.com

Forest Grove Farmers Market

Main Street between Pacific Ave. and 21st Ave, Forest Grove
Wednesdays, May 26th
Shifts: set-up 3:30-6 p.m. and take-down 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Staff a table at this farmers' market. If you'd like to stay a longer or shorter time, that can be arranged. Spanish is helpful, but not required.

Contact: Margaret Rodriguez Springer, 971- 344-8806, sunnymug@gmail.com

Family-Friendly Recycling Presentation

Hacienda CDC Salón Comunal,
5856 NE Killingsworth St, Portland
Friday, May 28th 5 – 6:30 p.m.

**Log your
volunteer hours !**

Visit

**www.masterrecycler.org
and click on the
Members tab.**

Do you thrive in engaging diverse young people and their families? Check out a kit or the fun and kid-friendly Wheel of fortune, with literature and prizes from Metro.

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

Lake Oswego Farmer's Market

Millennium Park, 200 First St, Lake Oswego
Saturday, May 29th 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join other Master Recyclers to staff an information table about composting and recycling.

Contact: Robin Woolman (Class 44), 503-635-8289, woman@gmail.com

Kim Cottrell 50th Birthday Presentation

638 NE 43rd Ave, Portland
Saturday, June 5th 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (flexible)

From Kim: "I just turned 50 and as a way to celebrate, I'd like to see if a Master Recycler could come to my block and teach me and my neighbors about how to organize and decrease what goes into the landfill.

I have a very long driveway with space to spread out if we want to do an actual demonstration. Currently, my husband and I recycle almost everything we know we can, but I'm sure we're missing something. I have 15-20 friends and neighbors who would come to something like this."

Contact: Kim Cottrell, 503-890-6865, kim@kimcottrell.com

2010 Wilsonville Festival of the Arts: "Recycled & Upcycled"

Visitor Center at Town Center Park, 29600 SW Park Place, Wilsonville
Saturday, June 5th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 2 – 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 6th 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 5 p.m.

Check out Clackamas County's Office of Sustainability recycling kit/display and fit right in with the Festival's theme. For more information, visit www.wilsonvillearts.org.

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