

LET'S TALK TRASH: Updating the region's waste reduction plan

Are we doing enough to conserve resources for future generations? Can we do more to protect the environment? Tell Metro what you think.

Metro is revising the region's Waste Reduction Plan with strategies that will help the Portland metropolitan region address these issues and more. It is a component of the larger Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, which serves as a blueprint for coordinating solid waste and recycling programs. This spring (through June 5), the Metro Council is asking residents to comment on the draft plan. Later this summer, the Council will consider the Plan for adoption.

Fill out a survey to share your ideas about how the region should manage trash and protect the quality of our air and water – now and in the future. Go to www.metro-region.org/letstalktrash, or call 503-234-3000 for a printed survey. The Metro Council is committed to using your ideas and addressing concerns you raise to meet our region's needs.

Master Recyclers have a special insight into the region's waste reduction issues. I encourage you to participate in this opportunity.

Thank you,



J Lauren Norris, Master Recycler Program Coordinator

MASTER RECYCLER NEWS

Master Recycler Plastics Roundups Here at Last!

When: Saturday, May 6, 8:00am -1pm

Where: SE PCC Center, 2305 SE 82nd & Division
PCC Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Ave
Sunset Presbyterian, 14986 NW Cornell Road

Thanks to the 50+ volunteers who are helping out at the event!



Bring your plastics (no milk jugs or PVC) to be recycled.

Please sort ahead of time in the following categories:

1. Film, such as grocery bags
2. Nursery pots and trays
3. Miscellaneous plastic with numbers
4. Miscellaneous plastic without numbers
5. Reusable plastic items
6. Foam block, no peanuts

Master Recyclers sort plastics at a Master Recycler Plastics Roundup

Master Recyclers Have Big Earth Day Presence

Unveiling Metro's new Earth Day recycling billboard was a big success due to the help of Master Recyclers. Amy Wilson of Metro said that Sarah Brockman (Class 31) was especially, "awesome, working in the most popular room with the hardest display [Greener Cleaners]. She went above and beyond!" Thank you, Sarah.

Master Recyclers volunteered at nine other Earth Day events all over the region this year. They made more than 2,200 contacts talking about SCRAP and precycling in Sellwood, worm bins in Clackamas County and recycling in Gresham, Tualatin, Metro and the SE Montessori Earth School. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Lonnie Porter (Class 31) organized plastics, batteries and computer recycling at her Woodstock Neighborhood Cleanup. She collected 1,340 pounds of plastics and 80 pounds of batteries.



Electronics collection at the Woodstock Cleanup

Congratulations to Newly Certified Master Recyclers

Not only did **Shannon Martin** (Class 29) complete 31 hours last month, but he is going on to co-ordinate the Master Recycler Plastics Roundup at Sunset Presbyterian! Shannon participated in the summer and winter Master Recycler Plastics Roundups and a Cracked Pot event as part of his payback work.

Peggy La Point (Class 28) got the word out about reducing, reusing and recycling at Growers' Markets, Fix-it Fairs, a Neighborhood Association presentation and two spots on Kink Radio Morning Show!

Master Recycler Volunteer Opportunities

Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Fair

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th, Canby
Saturday, May 6, 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, May 7, 9 am - 4 pm

Help Clackamas County staff a display on composting and natural gardening. Volunteer all day or for a shift Saturday, May 6, 10 am - 2 pm or 2 - 5 pm, or Sunday, May 7, 10 am - 1 pm or 1 - 4 pm

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

Aurora Chorus Presents "It Takes a Village"

Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 1111 SW Broadway, Portland
Saturday, May 13, 12:15-5:30

Join Aurora Chorus in their Spring concert honoring our community's children and those who nurture them. The Chorus would like about two Master Recyclers for two shifts each to staff workshops that turn material from SCRAP into musical instruments. Contact will provide the details.

Contact: Eileen Stapp, eileens@co.clackamas.or.us

Girl Scouts "Free to Be" Summit

University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., Portland
Saturday, May 13, 11:00-2:00pm

Give a presentation about litter reduction and recycling at a Girl Scouts “Free to Be” Summit and help the Girl Scouts build a service day around the topic in order to enhance their experiences and neighborhoods.

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

Beaverton Farmers Market Plastic Pots Collection

Saturday, May 20 and 27, 8:00-1:00pm

Help fellow Master Recycler Nick Kozak (Class 30) staff an informational and plastic pot collection booth at the Beaverton Farmers Market. Sign up for one or both days. Nick has organized the flyers and the booth, but would love help with the actual days of the collection.

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

West Linn Old River Ramble Fun Run Health Fair

Cedar Oak Park Elementary School, 4515 S Cedar Oak Dr, West Linn

Sunday, May 21, 7:30-11:00am

Spread the word about natural gardening and safer cleaners at a Health Fair during the West Linn Old River Ramble Fun Run. This is a fundraiser at Cedar Oak Park Elementary School, which is actively recycling and just started a garden on site. Clackamas County will supply a table and all information for you. The attendance should be at least 350.

Contact: Susan Ziolk, 503-353-4455, susanz@co.clackamas.or.us

Carus Elementary School Science Fair

Carus Elementary School, 14412 S Carus Rd., Oregon City

Thursday, June 8, 5:30-8:30

Staff an information table with a kid-friendly activity and join Carus students, families and community partners in celebrating the culmination of an exciting year-long Science Enrichment Program at Carus Elementary. Students will be leading tours of their habitat restoration site and sharing information they’ve learned. A bonfire, bbq, music, storytelling, games and activities will be happening throughout the evening.

Contact: Eileen Stapp, eileens@co.clackamas.or.us

Events

Association of Oregon Recyclers Conferences

Eugene, Valley River Inn

Thursday – Saturday, June 22 - 24

Register now for AOR’s back-to-back education conference and annual conference, annual business meeting and board elections.

Education conference: \$40 -\$85

Annual conference \$235 - \$275 (\$10 discount for registering for both conferences)

Details from Patty Morgan, 503-233-8633, www.aORr.org

TRANSFORMED CHAIRS: A Recycled Object Art Exhibition

Portland City Hall Atrium

Opening Reception First Thursday, May 4 from 5:00 to 7:00

May 4 - 17

Presented by Art on the Peninsula, the Transformed Chairs Exhibit is a primer in creativity and a recommendation for recycling. Artists were given old, broken and ready to be thrown out chairs to use to make art. They could be functional chairs that could be used for sitting or transformed into something completely different.

Miriam Badyrka and Connie Earnshaw decorated the chair with fabric, but it still is a chair to be sat upon. Aren Lawler, JD Perkin, Anne Thompson and Roger Williams have created objects that make you think, “Wow, where is that chair?” Amy Stoner, Berdine Jordan, Nancy Cushwa and Kelly Pergande all used plant material or rocks to make their statements, while Bonnie Meltzer (computer parts) and Junko Iijima (toys) used manufactured found objects.

Contact: Bonnie Meltzer, 503-285-3131, bonnie@bonniemeltzer.com

World Collapse or the Great Turning:

Individual and Collective Acts for Global Sustainability

Spring 2006 Civic Engagement Breakfast at PSU

Wednesday, May 24, 8:30-10:00 am

Portland State University, 327 SMU

Keynote speaker David Korten is a former Harvard Business School professor, Air Force captain, USAID advisor, and an associate of the International Forum on Globalization with more than thirty years experience living and working in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Korten’s best-selling books When Corporations Rule the World and The Post-Corporate World: Life After Capitalism have had a global impact. In The Great Turning Korten claims that a mounting perfect economic storm is fast approaching and discusses the impact of climate change, peak oil, and financial instability on modern life.

Free and open to the public.

A light breakfast will be provided, so please *RSVP to CAE at 503-725-5642, caestaff@pdx.edu*.

JOBS

Metro’s Drive Less/Save More Program Assistant

Status: Part-time, 20 to 30 hours per week, including weekends

Location: Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland, OR

Duration: Approximately May 15th to late August or early September

Pay: \$12.41/hour

Deadline: Open until filled. Resumes will be reviewed as they are received.

This temporary position will perform a variety of administrative duties in support of the Drive Less/Save More program with Metro’s Planning Department. Staff in this position will assist with conducting public outreach, marketing and events management in support of the Drive Less/Save More campaign.

To apply, submit: resume, cover letter detailing your related experience and three references to:

Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, Metro Planning Department, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland, OR 97232

Email: Aschenbrenner@metro.dst.or.us

More Information: www.metro-region.org/jobs

Metro Household Hazardous Waste Educators

Metro is seeking part-time Waste Educators to staff Hazardous Household Waste Roundup events.

Educators will talk to participants about choosing less toxic products. Hazardous waste roundups run Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30am to 3:00pm, March 4th to November 11th. Schedules fit workers’ schedules. Generally, each worker can work 15-20 days.

Event schedule: www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=760

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

Bridging the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce waste in their homes and workplaces.

