

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Neighborhood Cleanups

Neighborhood Cleanup events are run by Portland neighborhood associations with support from Metro and the City of Portland. Over 6,000 households brought items for disposal and recycling in 2002 and residents helped 250 senior citizen or handicapped neighbors dispose of unwanted bulky waste. Many cleanups have a reuse component such as Richmond Neighborhood's "U-Price-It Sale" or an area where better quality reusable items are placed for neighbors to take.

This year, Master Recyclers can play an important part in these events by distributing waste reduction information. If you live in one of the following neighborhoods (or even if you don't), these are excellent opportunities for education and an opportunity to make a significant contribution. Contact Steve Cohen for scheduling and more information at [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or 503.823.7530

April 12 - Woodstock

April 17 - Cully, Sunnyside

April 24 - North Portland, Vernon, Humboldt, Kerns and Buckman

May 1 - Rose City, Sabin, Sullivan's Gulch, Brentwood-Darlington, Montavilla, SW Neighborhoods

May 8 - Madison South, Sumner, East Portland, Concordia, Foster-Powell and Mt. Scott-Arleta, Creston-Kenilworth, Irvington

May 15 - Roseway, Laurelhurst, Mt. Tabor, SMILE, Alameda, Boise, Brooklyn, Wilkes

### METRO Hazardous Household Waste Roundups

Metro needs both your natural gardening expertise and your expertise in the three Rs for this year's Hazardous Household Waste Roundups. Events are held in various neighborhoods throughout the Metro area most Fridays and all Saturdays through November 13<sup>th</sup> and volunteer shifts are usually 3 hours long (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.). If

you enjoy being outside and talking to people about gardening and recycling this is a great way to earn payback. Please contact Lisa Heigh at (503)-797-1611 or

[heighl@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:heighl@metro.dst.or.us) to schedule a volunteer shift. For a complete schedule call the RIC (503-234-3000) or check out the events calendar on the Metro website.

### Fix-It Fairs

Fix-It Fairs—free events that provides residents with money and energy-saving resources for the home and garden are a fantastic payback opportunity. The next fair is scheduled for Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St., on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. And, there's multiple participation options:

Staff a Master Recycler table and distribute information on recycling and waste prevention.

Shifts available are 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact: Steve Cohen at [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or call 503.823.7530.

Or, help folks get their compost piles and worm bins working right by staffing a home composting booth with Metro educators. Dig in to the worm bin and show folks how it's done, answer questions and distribute brochures. Shifts are 8:30 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Contact Freda Sherburne at [sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us) or call 503-797-1522.

### SATURDAY MARKET'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday Market's Earth Day Celebration will be held on Saturday (!), April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a kid's activity booth, musical entertainment, crafts with recycled materials and representatives from EcoTrust, SCRAP, Portland Parks and Master Recyclers. We'll talk about curbside recycling and distribute Metro educational brochures. I've got two parking passes for the lucky MRs who volunteer. Contact: Steve Cohen at [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or call 503.823.7530.

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



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## NIKE Earth Day Market

An Earth Day Market featuring locally-grown produce, plants and crafts will be held at the Tiger Woods Center on Nike's Beaverton campus on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event is for Nike employees only and organizers have requested a Master Recycler information table to distribute waste reduction and recycling information. To volunteer for this event, contact Steve Cohen at [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or call 503.823.7530.

## MR Question of the Month

*I heard MetroPaint is moving. Are they still selling paint?*

According to Paulette Rossi, Metro's Recycled Paint Educator (and MR Class 11), the MetroPaint sales facility is scheduled to move to Swan Island some time in 2004. Paulette also reports that all 15 colors of Metro recycled latex paint are now available in both one-gallon cans and five-gallons pails. So you don't have to buy more paint than you need and it's easier to experiment by mixing Metro's standard colors together to get custom blends. Metro's paint facility has a paint-blending guide with samples of colors that customers can produce by mixing equal amounts of the standard colors together.

Call Metro Recycling Information (503 234-3000) for directions to the paint facility at Metro South Transfer Station or for a free color

brochure. Or, visit MetroPaint's web-site [www.metro-region.org/paint](http://www.metro-region.org/paint). The web-site includes color samples and the results of health and performance testing.

*If you have a question to pass along to the experts, send it to [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us) or call 503.823.7530*

## PORTLAND FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL

The first Heart of the Earth Environmental Film Festival debuts at the Hollywood Theatre (4122 NE Sandy, Portland) on April 16 at 7:30 with a showing of "Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working with Time." This highly acclaimed film explores the connections between art, nature, and the effects of natural phenomena on the improvisational sculptures of Andy Goldsworthy. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, "Store Wars" with "Escape From Affluenza" will play at the First Unitarian Church, followed by "Blue Vinyl" on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, "The Salmon Forest with Fury for the Sound" on April 24 and a children's matinee on the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a suggested \$5 donation at the door and the festival is a benefit for the Tillamook Rainforest Coalition. For further information, contact Barbara Ford (MR Class 21) at (503)282-0740 or check out the festival schedule at [www.tillamookrainforest.org](http://www.tillamookrainforest.org).

## MR SPRING SESSION BLOOMS

The new Master Recycler class kicked off on April 6 with a group of 33 at Clackamas Sunnybrook Center. Next class will be held in the fall in Washington County.

## CLOSING THE LOOP

The Master Recycler program makes quarterly reports to our funders. Please make sure to report your hours so we can include them in the report. You can use the web site form ([www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)), email [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us), or call 503.823.7530.