

# In Brief

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### 17TH ANNUAL FIX-IT FAIR

Hosted by the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development, the Fix-It Fair is a neighborhood event that offers resource saving strategies for the home and garden. Master Recycler volunteers will provide general waste reduction and program information to Fair attendees.

**LOCATION:** Kellogg Middle School - 3330 SE 69th Ave., Portland

**SHIFTS AVAILABLE:** Saturday, January 10th, 8am - 11am and 11am - 2pm

**LOCATION:** Blazers Boys and Girls Club - 5250 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland

**SHIFTS AVAILABLE:** Saturday, January 24th, 8am - 11am and 11am - 2pm

**CONTACT:** Master Recycler Program - 503-823-7530 , [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)

### METRO BOOTH - FIX-IT FAIR

Help answer questions about home composting. There will be a worm bin for folks to check out and lots of brochures. A Metro staff person will be at the booth most of the time too.

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## New Master Recyclers

The Fall 2003 Master Recycler Class ended the first week of December. Twenty-three people completed the class, which is the 25th class offered by the Portland Metro region's Master Recycler Program.

## Considering an Independent Project for Payback?

The Master Recycler Program has resources to help. Whether you are considering a waste prevention project at your office, education project at your child's school or presentation to colleagues, the Master Recycler program is here to assist with materials, props, and videos, and to connect you with industry experts.

### PROGRAM RESOURCES

In-house program resources available for check-out include:

**PROPS:** recycling how-to, buying recycled products, hazardous waste, composting, and waste reduction and recycling processes

**VIDEOS:** composting, hazardous waste, commercial waste prevention and recycling, and general recycling and waste prevention

**PRINTED MATERIALS:** Each jurisdiction offers a wide array of materials on everything from commercial waste prevention and composting to hazardous waste and residential recycling.

For more information on program resources available to you, contact the Master Recycler Program at 503-823-7530 or [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)

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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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The Master Recycler Program is supported by Metro, the City of Portland, Clackamas County, Recycling Advocates, and the Department of Environmental Quality.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### ASSOCIATION OF OREGON RECYCLERS

**www.aor.org; 503 - 661 - 4475**

A non-profit organization comprised of businesses, government agencies, other non-profit organizations, and individuals working together to expand recycling and waste prevention.

### CASCADE LINK ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

**www.cascadelink.org**

Provides links to environmental Web sites in the Portland Metro Area.

### CONSUMERS UNION GUIDE TO ENVIRONMENT LABELS

**www.eco-labels.org**

Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports, is an independent, nonprofit testing and information organization. This website provides information on eco-labels, products that carry eco-labels, the organizations that produce eco-labels, and government and private standards for “green” products.

### EARTH’S 911 - MULTNOMAH COUNTY

**www.1800cleanup.org/locator.asp;**

**1 - 800 - cleanup**

An international organization which provides the public with community-specific resources to improve the quality of life.

### EPA WASTEWISE

**www.epa.gov/wastewise**

A free, voluntary, program through which U.S. organizations eliminate costly municipal solid waste, benefiting their bottom line and the environment.

### IMEX

**www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/imex;**

**206 - 296 - 4899**

Industrial Materials Exchange is a free service designed to match businesses that produce waste, industrial-by products, or surplus materials with businesses that need them. The bimonthly print catalog, and their homepage, lists wanted or available materials. By utilizing IMEX, waste generators can be matched with waste users.

### METRO

**www.metro-region.org; 503 - 797 - 1700**

The Metro Regional Government provides citizen’s information on solid waste and recycling issues in the Metro region (Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties).

### METRO’S RECYCLING INFORMATION CENTER

**503 - 234 - 3000**

Metro’s Recycling Information Center has information about where about where to dispose, recycle and donate a wide variety of materials in the Metro region. They also provide businesses and citizens with publications and a lending library.

### OREGON DEQ

**www.deq.state.or.us; 503 - 229 - 5696**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is a regulatory agency that protects the quality of Oregon’s environment.

### OREGON GREEN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

**www.oregongreenschools.org;**

**1 - 800 - 527 - 2186**

The Oregon Green Schools Program provides schools with the information they need to set up and maintain successful waste reduction programs.

### RECYCLING ADVOCATES

**www.recyclingadvocates.org;**

**503 - 777 - 0909**

A citizen-based nonprofit organization that helps people create a sustainable future through local “reduce, reuse, and recycle” efforts.

### SCRAP

**www.scrapaction.org; 503 - 294 - 0769**

This School and Community Reuse Action Project is a non-profit that collects reusable items from local Portland businesses and distributes them to educators, artists, families and kids.

### WRAIN

**www.wrain.org**

The Waste Reduction Action Information Network works to provide more effective reuse, recycling and waste reduction programs for local businesses.