

July 2003

# In Brief



A PUBLICATION OF:

## MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM

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

### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR**

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4<sup>th</sup>,  
Canby

Help staff Clackamas County's Recycling Information booth. There will be stand up displays on the life cycles of recyclables, an electronics recycling display, a kid's "sort the recycling" game, a Recycled Latex Paint display, and lots of free brochures. You'll be working with someone from Clackamas County's Solid Waste and Recycling office. Fair admission and parking will be provided.

Contact: Sherri Dow at 503-353-4463, or [sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us) to sign up for the shift you prefer. Sign up early, this is a popular event.

Shifts Available:

Friday, August 15th  
2 p.m. – 6 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday, August 16th  
2 p.m. – 6 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Sunday, August 17th  
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

#### **FARMERS MARKETS**

Markets are an excellent opportunity to share information and literature about waste prevention and recycling at booths. At some of the markets volunteers need to bring a table and chairs, other markets provide them. All of the market shifts are from 8am-1pm on Saturdays. Volunteers need to arrive a few minutes early and should ask the market coordinator where to setup. Volunteers need to pick-up materials ahead of time at the new program office.

Contact: Carolyn Collopy, 503-823-4309, or [masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)

#### **Cedar Mill Farmers Market**

Safeway parking lot at Sunset Mall, corner of

NW Cornell and Murray, north of the Sunset Highway

Shifts Available:

August 23rd and September 27th

#### **Lake Oswego Farmers Market**

Millenium Plaza Park on the corner of First and Evergreen, 300 First Avenue, downtown Lake Oswego

Shifts Available:

July 12th, August 9th, and September 13th

#### **Hollywood Farmers Market**

1 block north of Sandy between 44th and 45th on NE Hancock

Shifts Available:

July 5th

#### **Beaverton Farmers Market**

Parking lot of the new Beaverton Library, off of SW Hall Boulevard, between 3rd and 5th Avenues

Shifts Available:

You pick!

---

### CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Master Recycler Program is now located at [www.sustainableportland.org](http://www.sustainableportland.org). Coming soon - [www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org). Once activated, site access will be possible through both addresses. Volunteer opportunities will be updated weekly.

---

### REMEMBER – REPORT YOUR HOURS!

Master Recycler Program  
City of Portland  
Office of Sustainable  
Development

721 NW 9th Avenue Suite 350  
Portland, OR 97209  
phone: 503-823-7530  
[masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us)  
[www.masterrecycler.org](http://www.masterrecycler.org)

City of Portland  
Office of Sustainable Development  
721 NW 9th Avenue, Suite 350  
Portland, OR 97209

Dan Saltzman, Commissioner  
Susan Anderson, Director

## NEW PROGRAM SUPPLIES

The program purchased two new roll-up tables and four compact chairs in June. These tables and chairs are compact and easier to carry than the larger tables. Volunteer somewhere and check them out!

## MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION

The City of Portland's Office of Sustainable Development will be hiring a new Master Recycler program coordinator at the end of the summer. A date has yet to be set for the posting of this position. The position will be posted at:  
[www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/](http://www.ci.portland.or.us/jobs/)

## IN GREEN PACKAGING, CORN REPLACES PETROLEUM

WASHINGTON — Wild Oats Markets Inc. became the first grocery store in the United States to roll out a new type of green packaging which looks like plastic but turns into compost after disposal. Unofficially called the Cornainer in the natural food chain's 11 Pacific Northwest stores where it is being tested, the clear packaging is made from corn rather than petroleum.

Wild Oats is also giving consumers the option of returning the containers to its stores, from where it will subsequently be delivered to a recycling company in Oregon. The containers will be composted and made into organic soil, which will then be sold at its stores.

Read more at [www.enr.com/news/2003-06-17/s\\_5096.asp](http://www.enr.com/news/2003-06-17/s_5096.asp)

## OSD AMERICORPS VISTA POSITION OPENING

The Office of Sustainable Development is currently searching for an AmeriCorps VISTA Member to perform energy and waste related conservation outreach to low-income households. Responsibilities include community outreach, research and program development.

The preferred skills and qualifications are:

1. Strong interest in working with low-income communities and a commitment to the goals and mission of the organization
2. Interest in the public process and working directly with the general public
3. Experience or training in community-based outreach and education
4. Excellent oral and written communication skills
5. Fluency in Spanish

For more info visit  
[www.sustainableportland.org](http://www.sustainableportland.org)

## GOODBYE FROM MEGAN

Well everybody this is it – my last day as steward for the Master Recycler Program. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many community-minded people over the past two years. After coordinating and attending five classes the waste prevention message has really sunk in and I leave this job a different person than when I started. I hope to take everything I have learned to my own community in Salem and look forward to volunteering and lobbying for change locally. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered with and supported the Master Recycler Program. I wish you all the best and look forward to hearing about the continued success of this fabulous program.

- Megan Cogswell