

In Brief

March 2004

Register Online for MR Spring Session

Tell your friends that the spring Master Recycler course is set to begin Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Sunnybrook Service Center, 9101 SE Sunnybrook Boulevard, in Clackamas. The course will continue on Tuesdays through May and include two half-day Saturday field trips.

Advance registration for the spring course is required by March 24. More information and an online application are available at www.masterrecycler.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

Round-up Educators Needed

Metro needs both your natural gardening expertise and your expertise in the three Rs - reduce, reuse and recycle for this year's Round-up season! Metro's neighborhood Round-up events provide an environmentally sound place for community members to dispose of household hazardous materials. And, since many Round-up customers are also avid or aspiring gardeners and recyclers these events provide the perfect opportunity for customer education about chemical-free gardening, pesticide reduction, and recycling ideas and options.

Round-up events are held in various neighborhoods throughout the Metro area most Fridays and all Saturdays (except holiday weekends) March 13 through November 13th. These events begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m.; 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 gardening and recycling this is the volunteer opportunity for you! Please contact Lisa Heigh at (503)-797-1611 or heighl@metro.dst.or.us to schedule a volunteer shift.

Round-ups are a great way to earn payback! For a complete schedule call the RIC 503-234-3000 or check out the Metro Web Site www.metro-region.org/ and look under Household Hazardous Waste.

MR Question of the Month

Why do we commingle recyclables instead of separating them at the curb?

A number of Master Recyclers have asked this question. According to Bruce Walker, Portland's Solid Waste and Recycling Manager, there's three reasons why recycling programs throughout the nation have changed their programs: technological improvements at material recycling facilities, containing collection costs,



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Household Hazardous Waste "Round-up" Events 2004 Spring Schedule

March 13	Forest Grove Transfer Station, Forest Grove
March 19 and 20	Clackamas High School, Clackamas
March 26 and 27	Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham
April 2 and 3	Sunset Presbyterian Church, Beaverton
April 9 and 10	Beaumont Middle School, NE Portland
April 17	Troutdale Transfer Station, Troutdale
April 23 and 24	Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Aloha
April 30 and May 1	Reynolds High School, Troutdale
May 7 and 8	Sherwood High School, Sherwood
May 14 and 15	Sonrise Baptist Church, Hillsboro
May 21 and 22	Clackamas Community College, Wilsonville Training Center, Wilsonville
Memorial Day Weekend	No Roundup!
June 4 and 5	Epson Portland, Inc., Hillsboro
June 11 and 12	Southwest Bible Church, Beaverton
June 18 and 19	Rolling Hills Community Church, Tualatin

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

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and customer convenience that leads to higher recycling levels.

Investment in new technology has enabled a higher degree of sorting at material recovery facilities. The source separation that used to be done by curbside recyclers can now be done by machines in processing centers.

Recycling costs have been reduced for ratepayers as haulers spend less time sorting. In addition, having fewer compartments on their vehicles enables them to transport more recyclables. In the past, when one individual compartment was full, the driver had to go off-route and dump that material.

Walker explains that “Making it easier for customers has resulted in more materials set out at the curb. Commingling has boosted recycling levels and helped hold down cost increases. Both of these benefit the public.”

Commingling, or single stream recycling, is the trend around the country but it's not without its problems. Recycled glass that finds its way into paper and plastic recyclables is the biggest. One of the most important messages that Master Recyclers can share with the public is that glass containers need to be placed in a paper bag and kept separate from other recyclables.

If you have a question to pass along to the experts, send it to masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us or call 503.823.7530

Portland Chickens!

Portland Chickens! is a group of individuals who promote the joy of chickens and freedom to design small structures without permit

requirements. If you'd like to add a new dimension to gardening in the city—a source of natural fertilizer, nutritious eggs and entertaining companionship, attend Portland Chickens! first informational session. You'll learn all about chickens and building a coop from experts.

WHEN: 9 to noon on Saturday, March 6, 2004

WHERE: People's Food Co-op, 3029 SE 21st Avenue, Portland

COST: \$0-\$10, sliding scale donation

CONTACT: PortlandChickens@growing-gardens.org or call 503.546.5921 and leave name and phone number to register.

Closing the Loop

Thanks to Master Recycler volunteers for their work at the Green School Summit, Johnson Creek Watershed event and individual projects and presentations. As always, don't forget to report your hours by using the form on the web site (www.masterrecycler.org).

Catch a Chinook Book

If you haven't already caught a copy of this year's *Chinook Book*, Master Recyclers can land one for \$12. That's a 40% discount off the \$20 retail price.

Chinook Book has coupons for all facets of your life. You can save money on dining, arts and entertainment, lawn and garden care, home improvement, clothes and personal care products and travel and transportation. The coupons are valid through December 2004 and are redeemable at more than 200 local retailers

including:

- Ben & Jerry's, Wild Oats, Whole Foods, Fred Meyer, Zupan's and New Seasons Market
- Peet's Coffee, K&F Coffee, Stumptown Coffee, Grand Central Bakery
- GI Joe's, Oregon Mountain Community, Next Adventure, Yoga Union
- OMSI, Northwest Children's Theater, Portland Center Stage, Oregon Ballet and many more!
- Four special Tri-Met tickets worth \$16 alone

If you're interested, send an email to masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us and arrange a time to reel in a Chinook Book at the Master Recycler office at 721 NW 9th, Portland.

Recycling Education Coordinator Position

Newberg Garbage Service, Inc. has a full time position open for a recycling education coordinator. Duties and skills include:

- Recycling education for customers & community.
- Maintain existing recycling programs.
- DEQ program reporting compliance.
- Excellent written & verbal communication skills including public speaking.
- Windows Office 2000 Word, Excel & PowerPoint, necessary.

Please submit resume with a hand written cover letter to Newberg Garbage Service, Inc., Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1000, Newberg, Oregon 97132. Salary commensurate with experience. EOE