

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Metro Compost Bin Sale

The Metro's compost bin sale is back. Master Recyclers are needed to assist Metro staff at all locations. You will be helping distribute compost brochures and it's not necessary to sign up for the entire time. To volunteer, please contact Scott Klag at Metro Solid Waste and Recycling, 503-797-1665 or klags@metro.dst.or.us.

The sale will be held on three different days. The first one is on **Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the following locations:

—Portland Community College Cascade Campus, Parking lot 4, 705 N. Killingsworth, Portland

—Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham

—Cleveland High School, 3400 SE 26th Ave., Portland

—Clackamas County offices auxiliary parking lot (behind Clackamas Promenade)

—Home Depot, 4401 SW 110th Ave., Beaverton

—Tualatin High School, 22300 SW Boones Ferry Rd., Tualatin

—Davis Tool parking lot (formerly Epsom Portland, Inc.), 3825 NW Aloclek Place, Hillsboro

(located behind the post office on Evergreen Parkway)

A **Sunday, May 15** sale will take place from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at:

Portland Community College Sylvania Campus, Parking lot P 9, 12000 SW 49th Ave., Portland.

A **Wednesday night, May 18**, sale will run **4 to 8 p.m.** at:

—Metro Latex Paint Sales, 4825 N. Basin Ave., Portland, (located on Swan Island)

—Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, (off Highway 26 at exit 65 – Cornell Road)

If you're interested in purchasing a bin (online sales are available) check out the Events section of this newsletter for more information.

Portland Neighborhood Cleanups

Over 35 Portland neighborhoods will hold spring cleanups. It's an opportunity for residents to clean their closets and haul their "stuff" to a location that's close to home. A number of cleanups have already happened and they were perfect venues for distributing brochures and providing waste reduction education. If you want to volunteer in your neighborhood—or in any of the neighborhoods—please contact Steve at scohen@ci.portland.or.us or 503.823.7530. Here's the neighborhood schedule:

Central Northeast Neighbors: Roseway (5/14)

East Portland: All neighborhoods (5/21)

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods: Eliot (5/14), Alameda (5/21), Grant Park (5/21), Woodlawn (5/21), Boise (5/28), Sabin (5/28)

Southeast Uplift: Center (5/14), Laurelhurst (5/14), Mt. Tabor (5/14), SMILE (5/21), Montavilla (5/21), Brooklyn (6/4), Richmond (6/4).

Southwest Neighborhoods: SWNI (5/7).

Neighbors West/Northwest: NWDA (5/14), Sylvan-Highlands (5/21-22), Pearl District (5/21)

Mt. Scott Community Health Fair

Volunteer at Clackamas County's Alternatives to Hazardous Household Products display. The Health Fair is at 9200 SE 91st Ave., Portland (near 92nd & Johnson Creek Blvd.) **Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Contact Sherri Dow at sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us or 503.353.4463.

Clackamas County Farmers Markets

Set up and staff information table at a Farmer's Market in Clackamas County. Usual subjects are composting, worm bins, natural gardening, general recycling. You can choose your subject, Clackamas County will provide the materials. Wednesday afternoons (3-8:30 pm) in West Linn; Saturdays in Oregon City, Canby, Estacada, and Lake Oswego; Sundays in Milwaukie. This does not need to be weekly. Contact Susan 503-353-4455 or susan@co.clackamas.or.us.

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



Clackamas County Events

Assist Clackamas County staff in providing recycling setup at events. Help train the event coordinators, assist in setup and check in during the event to answer questions and make sure they are correctly using the loaned containers. Events occur weekly from now through September. The County would like one or two persons who can assist with multiple events. Contact Susan at 503-353-4455 or susanz@co.clackamas.or.us.

Iron Artist

SCRAP's annual FUNdraiser/Sculpt-off, is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd. Similar to Iron Chef and Junk Yard Wars, the event pits 10 teams against each other in a three-hour sculpture competition using reused materials from local organizations. The materials and theme are revealed to the teams at the start of the competition. Referees are on hand to make sure everyone plays fair and Celebrity Judges award the prizes at the end of the event. SCRAP needs volunteers to help with planning all aspects of the event. Contact the event co-chairs, Babs and Claire at clairemillerdantoni@yahoo.com or Babsia@gmail.com.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Beaverton School District Sustainability Advisory Committee is forming an advisory committee to recommend implementation measures for the district's sustainability policy. They will be appointing two parent members and two general citizen ("community partner") members. The volunteer position is open to individuals who live in the Beaverton School District boundaries.

The deadline for applications is May 15th and "Interested community members should submit a letter of interest to Community Involvement, 16550 SW Merlo Road, Beaverton, 97006." There is no meeting schedule established yet and meetings should be once a month at most for only "a few months." Call Maureen Wheeler, BSD, 591-4360 for more information.

EVENTS

Metro Compost Bin Sale

Metro's popular compost bin sale is coming to town. and organizers are preparing to distribute thousands of the popular shiny black Earth Machines at parking lot sales events and online.

The Earth Machine compost bin, which retails for about \$80, will be sold for \$35 at ten different locations around the region on Saturday, May 15, Sunday May 14 and Wednesday May 18. Metro has added a weeknight to the sale this year to give people plenty of opportunities to purchase a bin.

For the first time ever, Metro also is offering the bins online. For a total of \$42, people can order a bin and have it delivered to their home. The charge includes a \$7 per-bin delivery charge. To order online, buyers should log on to www.metro-region.org and click on the "compost bin sale" highlight on the left side of the page. Online purchase of the Earth Machine will be available until May 22, or while supplies last.

Metro and local governments throughout the tri-county area sponsor the annual sale. In the sales 11-year history, approximately 90,000 bins have been distributed. Metro estimates that 15 percent of households in the region use the Earth Machine to compost. Since each bin can "process" about 500 pounds of material a year, this translate to 15,000 tons of organic material being composted on-site in people's backyards each year, rather than being handled by the solid waste system of haulers, yard-debris processors and disposal facilities.

For more information about the bin sale, call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000. You can also find more information, including directions to the sales sites, how to order a bin online, and Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods program on Metro's website, www.metro-region.org.

SCRAP

Saturday, May 28th, 1-3pm: Paper making workshop. \$5-10 sliding scale. Call 503.294.0769 to reserve a space.

AOR Conference

The Association of Oregon Recyclers Conference
June 23-25, 2005

Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon

Register today. Visit the AOR website - www.aorr.org - and read about the sessions.

Paper or Plastic: Exploring Packaging & the Environment

Dan Imhoff, president of [Wild Farm Alliance](http://www.wildfarmalliance.com) and author of the newly-released book [Paper or Plastic](http://www.paperorplastic.com), will join packaging experts from Nike and Starbucks, as well as Ponzi Vineyards and 47th Avenue Farm. to help unwrap the packaging problem. This free, public event will give product designers and consumers information to take steps towards a more sustainable future. The presentation takes place on Wed, May 18, 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the Ecotrust Natural Capital Center, 721 NW Ninth Avenue in Portland. It will be followed by a book signing and wine tasting featuring Salmon-Safe/LIVE certified winery Ponzi Vineyards. Visit the [Salmon-Safe web site](http://www.salmon-safe.com) for more information or call 503.232.3750.