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Master Recycler Newsletter

Recycling Guide Goes Mobile!



Marion County's handy-dandy online recycling database, aka the *Recycling & Disposal Guide* just got even handier to those of you on the go. The formatting of the database was recently updated to allow for easy reading on smart phones.

It still allows you to search for locations to take practically everything under the sun, as well as find out what materials each location listed in our database can accept, but now you can do it wherever you happen to be when that burning question: "What I am going to do with *this*?" pops into your head.

If you are searching on a standard computer it will look the same as it always has. The database can detect if it is being accessed with a smart phone and automatically resizes the screen to fit.

Keep your eyes out for future streamlining of access to this useful tool, starting by using a consistent name for it on our web pages and linking to it from all of the Environmental Services pages.

You can currently access it by visiting www.mcrecycles.net and clicking the link to the "Recycling & Disposal Guide" at the top.

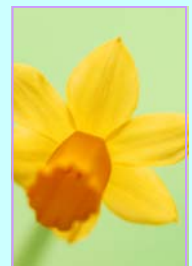


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"Look up and not down; look out and not in; look forward and not back, and lend a hand."

— Edward Everett Hale



Announcing MCRECICLA.NET!



More than 20% of Marion County residents are Latino, and the Waste Reduction program has long been making efforts to make sure this segment of our population is well-informed about waste-reduction and recycling strategies and opportunities. With the launching of a Spanish version of our website, www.mcrecicla.net, our efforts just got a huge boost! Most of the thanks goes to our part-time assistant, Griselda Puga.

In addition to translating many of our printed materials, Griselda has been hard at work translating many of the key web pages to Spanish; the pages were officially launched in late

March. Spanish-speaking residents can now look up information on recycling, composting, EarthWISE, multifamily recycling and disposal.

This will allow better integration of our print, tv, and radio presence with easy access to complete information on many of our programs.

The web pages are not a page-for-page mirror of the English language site, but the hope is to continue to expand it as time and resources allow.



Funding opportunity!

Do you have an idea that could reduce waste in Marion County but lack the funding to implement it? The Marion County Waste Reduction Grant Program may be able to help!

The program uses funds set aside from out-of-county medical waste disposal fees.

The objectives of the program are to:

- ◆ Reduce the amount of waste generated in Marion County.
- ◆ Reduce the amount of waste disposed of at Marion County disposal facilities.
- ◆ Encourage the development of products made from recovered materials from Marion County, markets for those materials, and the use of products containing recycled materials.

Two types of proposals will be considered: waste reduction projects that directly reduce waste, and promotion and education programs.

For the Spring 2012 offering, a possible \$100,000 in grants is available through the program. Individuals, companies, governments and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Application deadline is May 31, 2012. Visit mcrecycles.net for complete details.



Graduate Gallery



Master Recycler Greg Bowman was not able to attend the 2012 Mid-Valley Green Awards to receive his Recycler of the Year award, so it was presented to him by Environmental Services Manager Jeff Bickford at a recent meeting of the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council. Way to go Greg!

Earth Day Fair Poster Winners Honored

The Marion County Board of Commissioners recently had the pleasure of honoring the three winners of the Earth Day fair poster contest. They were chosen from hundreds of submissions from K-12th grade all around the county. The winners received Fred Meyer gift cards, and the grand prize winner had her artwork featured in all Earth Day Fair advertising.



Liza Dahl, 5th Grade, Butte Elementary
Grades 4-7 Winner



Delaney Sump, 10th Grade, St. Paul HS
Grand Prize Winner
She entitled her entry “Druid Ritual, Communion Prayer Circle Around the Tree of Life”



Omar Rentaria (not pictured), 3rd Grade, Stayton Elementary
Grades K-3 Winner
He entitled his entry “Sick Venus Becomes Earth”

Master Recycler Call to Serve



Saturday April 21 **2012 Earth Day Fair** **Oregon Garden, Silverton**

Six volunteers needed for each shift:

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come join in on all the fun at THE environmental event of the year at one of Marion County's most beautiful attractions. Volunteers will staff our display &/or help make customized shopping bags, recycled paper flower pots, and more. Contact Alan Pennington 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

Saturday, May 5 **Truckload Composter Sale** **Locations in Salem, Silverton, Stayton, Keizer and Woodburn** **9 am - 3 pm**

A composter in every yard!! Help us reach that goal!! Staffing needed to help us to provide composting information and sell composters at a ridiculously low price. Full details available in the April issue, but please feel free to let Alan know now if you are interested!

Shifts from 9 to noon and noon to 3. Contact Alan at 503-365-3188 or apenninton@co.marion.or.us.

Master Recycler Needed to Lead Tour

A Master Recycler is needed to lead a tour of the Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station and the Earth Walk. There will be approximately 9 students ages 4-5 and their parents. They would like to do the tour on 4/18, 4/19, 4/25 or 4/26 from 9:45 - 10:45. If you would like to lead this tour, please contact Val (503-874-9862). Once you have confirmed the tour date, please let Bailey (bpayne@co.marion.or.us) know so that he can notify the transfer station and give you tips on how to lead the tour.

Events & Occasions

Saturday, April 14th,

Free Community Shred Day

Lancaster Mall, Salem 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. - Electronics & print cartridges, too!

Maps Credit Union Dan Penn Administration Building, Salem 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Visit www.lancastermall.com or www.mapscu.com for full details on each event.



Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free Medication Collection

Salem, Sublimity, Stayton & Turner

Visit mcrecycles.net for locations and details

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Craft Time! Learn how to make this adorable plastic-bottle-turned-octopus and other great recycled creations at www.craftsbyamanda.com.



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