

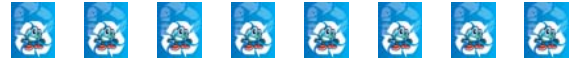
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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Master Recycler Newsletter

We Recycle!



Featuring Multifamily Communities

Marion County has a number of multifamily communities doing a great job recycling! In the features below you'll learn about a few of our recycling rockstars. Visit our website to see a list of multifamily communities actively recycling and using our educational materials. Is your community interested in becoming involved in our mixed recycling program? Give us a call at 503-588-5169.

Rockwood Park & Greenwood Apartments

Motivated managers and equal recycling opportunities make these apartment complexes pros with utilizing their on-site mixed recycling containers. You'll see recycle symbols throughout the complex highlighting where residents can take their recyclables; and in the laundry rooms you'll see posters on how to correctly recycle and why it's important to participate in this job-creating behavior.

Manager: Mariah Willis; and staff: Letty and Don.



Applewood Retirement Living



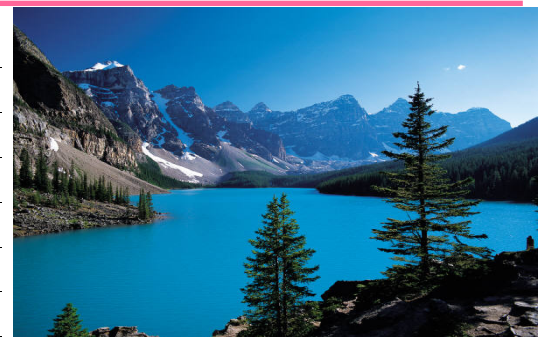
This community now has mixed recycling available on-site and available to residents and kitchen staff! They have been participating in recycling and re-use by collecting cardboard, newspapers, deposit containers, pop can tabs, and eyeglasses. Now they are recycling all their #10 cans, milk jugs, laundry detergent containers, and paper too! With the addition of mixed recycling, the kitchen has reduced their garbage by 1/3 and their residents are regularly filling their indoor roll-carts.

Managers: David and Kay Tate.

- Melissa Austin, Environmental Services AmeriCorp Volunteer

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Multifamily Web Page

Have you noticed?

We have a new addition to our Marion County Environmental Services web-page; we've added resources and information regarding our Multifamily Recycling Program!

You'll find action steps for starting a mixed recycling program, as well as downloads of our educational materials. Feel free to browse, download, and use these materials!



What are you waiting for? Check it out at www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/recycle/multifamily.htm.

Recycle Up!

The 100% Recycled Paperboard Alliance says a record number of licensees have signed up during the first six months of 2009.

A total of 18 companies signed license agreements with the alliance allowing them to display the RPA-100% symbol on their packaging. More than 150 companies currently use the symbol, which is reserved exclusively for products and packaging made from 100% recycled paperboard.

Companies signing up during the first half of 2009 include Harland Check, Nestle Purina Petcare and Snyder's of Hanover.

More information on the symbol is available at www.rpa100.com.

- Adapted from *Waste & Recycling News*

We have a Winner...

Vanessa Lee of West Salem was the lucky winner of an Earth Machine composter given away during the recent Marion County Fair. Just over 10,000 visitors came to the Fair over four day period and many of them stopped by the Marion County Public Works display to talk about composting and vermiculture. For those who didn't hold the winning ticket the Earth Machine is available for purchase at the Fresh Start Market on 3020 Center NE.



Marion County Waste Reduction Grants



Do you have an idea that could reduce waste in Marion County but lack the funding to implement it? Good news: The Marion County Waste Reduction Grant Program is back!

The Program uses funds set aside from out-of-county medical waste fees. These funds provide grants to effectively reduce waste in Marion County. 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 through appropriate diversions.
- ◆ Encourage the development of products made from recovered materials from Marion County, markets for recovered materials and the use of products containing recycled materials.

Two general categories of proposals will be considered: **waste reduction projects** that directly reduce waste going to Marion County facilities, and **promotion and education programs**.

For the Fall 2009 offering, a possible \$100,000 in grants is available through the Program. All grants that satisfy any of the program objectives listed above will be considered. Individuals, companies, governments and non-profit organizations with creative ideas for waste reduction are eligible to apply. Visit our website below for complete details.

www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/specialprograms/



2006 Grant Recipient
Farmworker Housing Development Corporation

Call to Serve (and report your hours)!!



Marion County's Master Recycler classes are currently experiencing record attendance – thank you all for your enthusiasm and willingness to learn about solid waste issues and reduction strategies. Our goal for this year is to experience a record number of MRs serving in the community and reporting their payback hours! There are a number of great outreach opportunities listed below, but they can't be a success without your help. Call today!

*"If every American donated five hours a week, it would equal the labor of twenty million full-time volunteers."
-Whoopi Goldberg*

9th Annual Silverton Fine Arts Festival

Coolidge-McClaine Park

Saturday & Sunday, August 15th & 16th

10am – 6:30pm: 2 hour shifts

Master Recycler Volunteers needed to help educating the public as to what is recyclable, where the containers are, and ensure that the recyclables (or trash!) end up in the right spot. The festival will have an "international food court", live music, kid's activities, wine & beer garden, many artist booths, and is free to all. Positions will be roving, so volunteers will have the opportunity to interact with people and see the arts festival. Contact Rachel Wolfe-Petersen at 503-884-6903 or Erik Petersen at 610-470-0703. For festival info visit: www.silvertonarts.org/festival

ODOT Annual Picnic

455 Airport Way, Salem

Tuesday, August 25.

11am – 1 pm.

One volunteer needed to staff a recycling booth and answer questions about what goes into the blue bins and what happens after we shut the lid. Come on, I'll bet they even feed you! If you can help with this event please contact Alan at 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us.

Oregon State Fair

Friday, August 28 – Monday, September 7.

Various hours available: 3 or 4-hour shifts.

Come to the Oregon State Fair (for free, of course!) Help Marion County and Garten Services "maximize efforts to keep waste at the minimum" at the Fair this year. Multiple volunteers needed to assist with waste reduction efforts at the Ore-

gon State Fair by talking to the public and vendors about recycling, and/or staff recycling areas or booths. If you can help with this event please contact Alan at 503-365-3188 or apennington@co.marion.or.us

Monday, August 31.

Two shifts: 11am- 2pm and 2pm- 5pm.

Two Master Recyclers are needed to assist with the Oregon Green School Association's booth at the Oregon State Fair. Have fun teaching kids how to make paper, worm bins, and waste free lunches. If you can help with this event please contact Bailey at 503-588-5169 ext. 5991 or bpayne@co.marion.or.us.

Oregon Garden Home School Day

Tuesday, September 15,

9:15 am - 2 pm

Two Master Recyclers are needed for a day of teaching kids about how to make worm bins. The activities will take place at the beautiful Oregon Garden in Silverton. Shifts for two volunteers are from 10:00 - 12:00 & 12:00 - 2:00. For more information contact Cindy Quamm (503-584-7256 or cquam1@chemeketa.edu)



Master Recycler Linda Buchannan does her best Vanna White pose while she works the crowd at this year's Marion County Fair.

Lead a Tour of the Nature Walk

Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station

Saturday, September 19th

10:00 - 12:00

A Master Recycler volunteer is needed to help lead a tour of the Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station's recycling area and Nature Walk. The group will be 15 1st - 5th grade Cub Scouts and their parents. The tour itself will probably take 45 minutes - 1 hour. If you can help, please contact Bailey at 503-588-5169 ext. 5991 or bpayne@co.marion.or.us

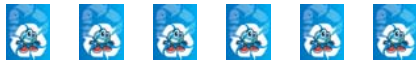
Nursery offers incentive to bring in used pots

Looking for something to do with your old nursery pots? If you are looking for a higher use than recycling (they can be recycled curbside & at transfer stations) then Lakeside Nursery at 6415 Lakeside Dr. NE in North Salem may be the place for you!

The nursery accepts pots for reuse and will often give store credit for pot sizes that are most needed. If pots can't be reused by Lakeside Nursery they may be sold to other nurseries or taken to Agri-Plas for recycling. Their website has a list of pot sizes with credit prices.

"We want to do our part to reduce waste." says owner Joseph Paratore.

For more information on the Nursery or their program visit www.lakeside-nursery.com or call 503-390-5650.

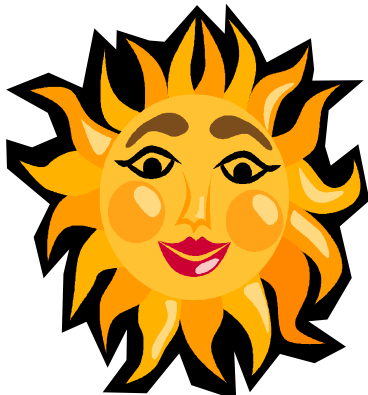


Your 15 Minutes of Fame

Do you have fun passing on your knowledge and making a difference at outreach events? Is there a project you are involved in that could motivate others to do the same in their communities? This newsletter is your place to share and shine!

Feel free to submit articles, photos and ideas to Beth Myers-Shenai at: smyersshenai@co.marion.or.us or 503-588-5169 x5920

We want to hear from you!



CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE

IMPORTANT!!!
THE ITEMS BELOW MUST ALWAYS BE PUT IN THE SMALL RECYCLING BASKET!

- Household Batteries**
Rechargeable & Small Button Cells Sizes AAA through D, 6 Volt - 9 Volt.
Must be in a zip-sealed bag.
- Used Latex Paint**
Place up to 2 one gallon cans. *No rusted or unlabeled cans.*
- Keep Glass Bottles Separated**
Place Brown Glass in separate paper bag, Place Green Glass in separate paper bag, Place Clear Glass in separate paper bag.
- Used Motor Oil**
In a sealed plastic container
- NEW! Antifreeze!**
Place into see-thru plastic jug with tight fitting cap. Keep motor oil and antifreeze separate.
- NEW! Used Vegetable Cooking Oil!**
Place cooled, used vegetable cooking oil into same labeled container & cap originally purchased, or place into CLEAN see-thru plastic jug with tight fitting cap. 2-gallons per week maximum. **DO NOT MIX WITH OTHER RECYCLABLES.**

THESE ITEMS GO IN THE **MIXED RECYCLING CART**

- Tin Cans & Aluminum Metal Beer & Wine Caps**
Tin Cans & Aluminum - rinse first! Remove labels and add to mixed recycling roll cart. No need to flatten. Metal beer & wine caps ok.
- Newspapers**
Inserts are OK.
- Mixed Scrap Paper**
This includes: Junk mail, flyers, computer paper, carbonless forms, gift wrap, post-it notes, paper bags, greeting cards (no foil), envelopes, paper labels, shredded paper (in marked paper bag, not loose), tablet paper, white & colored ledger paper, magazines, phone books.
- Cardboard, Greyboard, Paperboard & Paperback Books**
Remove & discard plastic liners. Flatten box.
- Plastic Containers**
Clean first! Labeled #1-7. Please discard caps & pumps.
- NEW! Aerosol Cans!**
Remove spray-rip & discard. All cans must be empty.
- NEW! Small Scrap Metal!**
18-inches or less, less than 10 lbs. Hangers, door knobs, small gutter pieces, etc. Larger items? Call your garbage hauler directly.

NO

medical waste, glass, plastic bags, greasy or waxed cardboard, Styrofoam, syringes, plastic bottle caps, or garbage in the Blue Roll Cart! Lids must be completely shut for automated system to work properly.

THESE ITEMS GO IN THE **YARD DEBRIS CART**

- Grass Clippings**
- Leaves & Pine Needles**
- Garden, Fruit & Vegetable Scraps**
- Yard Prunings, Twigs & Small Sticks**

NO

medical waste, plastic bags, pet waste, food (fruit/vegetables ok) or garbage of any kind. Lids must be completely shut for automated system to work properly.



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www.co.marion.or.us/pw/es
503.588.5169 *Se habla español*

NOW NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR RECYCLING CURBSIDE!!!
Aerosol Cans • Small Scrap Metal • Antifreeze
Used Vegetable Cooking Oil