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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS-ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Master Recycler Newsletter

Electronics Recycling Update

As of January 2, 2008, Marion County will accept televisions (including consoles, regular CRT's and flat screens), microwaves, scanners, and photocopy machines at both the Salem-Keizer and North Marion Recycling & Transfer Stations. The program is free to both residents and businesses. Computers, monitors, printers, stereos, VCR/DVD players, and other electronics already accepted will continue to be accepted for free.

Hard drives processed in the program will either be destroyed or wiped to remove any information. The program does not guarantee the security of the data however. If individuals or businesses want a document of destruction, they may contact Garten Services (503-581-4472) to have this done for a fee.

All electronics collected at the transfer stations are handled in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. Reusable components

will be gleaned and turned into refurbished computers. This refurbishing program will help provide jobs for adults with disabilities in Marion County.

Information on the Upcoming Digital Television (DTV) Transition:

After February 17, 2009, you will be able to receive and view over-the-air digital programming with an analog TV only by purchasing a digital-to-analog set-top converter box. Between January 1, 2008, and March 31, 2009, all U.S. households will be able to request up to two coupons, worth \$40 each, to be used toward the future purchase of eligible digital-to-analog converter boxes. Eligible converter boxes are for the conversion of over-the-air digital television signals, and therefore are not intended for analog TVs connected to a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV service. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

is administering the coupon program. For more information, visit the NTIA website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>. The Commission's DTV website, www.dtv.gov, also provides information for consumers on the upcoming digital-to-analog converter box coupon program. More detailed information regarding NTIA's coupon program, what digital-to-analog converter boxes will be eligible, where and when they may be purchased, and the related costs involved will be provided by the Commission and NTIA.



Recycle your televisions for free in Marion County!

This is an abbreviated version of the Master Recycler newsletter. The longer version of the newsletter will resume in February.

Quote of the Month:

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

The Original Home Show January 18-20, 2008 Oregon State Fairgrounds

Volunteers are still needed to staff the Master Recycler booth at the quickly approaching Home Show. Open shifts include: Friday, January, 18, from 11 a.m.– 2 p.m. (one spot); 5p.m.– 8 p.m. (one spot); and 5 p.m.– 8 p.m. (two spots). Saturday, January 19, from 2 p.m.– 5 p.m. (two spots) and 5 p.m.– 8 p.m. (two spots). If you can volunteer, please contact Kim at 503-588-5169 ext. 5920 -or- kdinan@co.marion.or.us



Oregon Green Schools Summit Thursday, March 13, 2008 Oregon State Fairgrounds

Thirteen volunteers are needed to assist with registration, lunch, and summit sessions at the Oregon Green Schools Summit. Lunch will be provided and

you will receive a T-shirt gift which must be worn the day of the summit to distinguish volunteers. Volunteer duties are as follows:

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Assist with registration 8-9:30

Assist with lunch (herding and pouring) 10:30-12:30

Assist with sessions (be available to help kids with activities or assist presenter) Sessions run from 9:30 to 1:00. One volunteer is needed to assist with registration, two volunteers are needed for lunch assistance, and 8 to 10 volunteers are needed to provide assistance at the sessions. If you are available to help, please contact Kim.

Announcements

Report Your Hours!

Don't forget to report your 2007 Master Recycler volunteer hours! There are several ways to report your hours. You can email or mail them to Kim at kdinan@co.marion.or.us or 5155 Silverton Rd NE, Salem, OR 97305 or you can report them online at: <http://apps.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/>

[MRVH.asp](#). Thank you for making 2007 another successful year!

Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center

Backyard Birding Amateur Naturalist Series. The class provides a basic introduction to birds found in our yards

and includes identification by sight and sounds and tips about attracting birds to your yard. The lecture will be held on 1/29 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Straub Environmental Learning Center. On 2/2 at 9:00 a.m., there will be a bird walk at the Olin Science Center at Willamette University.

New Master Recycler class to begin in January!

The first of two 2008 Marion County Master Recycler classes will begin on Thursday, January 10, 2008. The first field trip will be held shortly thereafter, on Saturday, January 12, 2008. If you were unable to make a class or field trip and would like to join the 2008 class, please let Kim know (503-588-5169 ext. 5920 or kdinan@co.marion.or.us). The class agenda is as follows:

1/10/08– Solid Waste Overview

1/12/08– Field trip to Covanta Waste-

to-Energy Facility, North Marion Recycling and Transfer Station, Agri-Plas, Inc., and Garten Services.

1/17/08– Recycling and Waste Reduction

1/24/07– Waste Reduction and Reuse

1/26/07– Field trip to Marion Resource Recovery Facility, SP Newsprint, and Far West Fibers.

1/31/08– Sustainability, Green Building, Closing the Loop

2/7/08– Composting and Vermicom-

posting

2/9/08– Field trip to Compost Oregon, Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station, and Deepwood Compost Demonstration Site

2/14/08– Household Hazardous Waste, Native Plants, Biocontrol

2/21/08– Outreach Techniques

2/28/08– Payback Plans and Graduation