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MARION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

# Master Recycler Newsletter

## Garten Launches Zero Waste Events Service



Planning a family or company event? A community festival or neighborhood potluck? A large-scale tradeshow, business open house, job fair – or any other activity where a number of people will gather to converse, collaborate, share common interests, eat and drink?

Garten Services has just launched a new program that will help all your gatherings and events be even more sustainable. It's called **Garten's Zero Waste Events**.

Formally launched on June 15th with seed grant funding from the Oregon DEQ, Garten's Zero Waste Events service can now help you put sustainability into action by assist-

ing in the reduction of your event's solid waste impacts to the greatest extent possible.

### REDUCING OUR SOLID WASTE

STREAM: Oregon led the way in recycling during the 1970's; today recycling has become a national habit – a ritual now practiced by over 100 million people every day. Yet recycling alone is not the answer, nor will it reverse the rapid depletion of our natural resources and resulting energy consumption. Rather than using our region's dollars to address solid waste capacity, Garten's Zero Waste Events represents an investment

in reducing, recycling and composting items previously regarded merely as trash to be discarded.

### SEEING THINGS A NEW WAY:

"Zero waste" is a new way of looking at our waste stream. Instead of seeing used materials as "garbage in need of disposal," discarded items can instead be seen as valuable "resources." These items represent jobs for people with disabilities, financial opportunity, personal independence – as well as raw



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## DEQ Grants Offered



The 2009 application period for Oregon DEQ solid waste planning, reduction, and household hazardous waste grants opened on Monday, June 1. Application deadline is postmarked by 5 pm on Friday, August 28, 2009.

Any local government responsible for solid waste management is eligible to apply. Local governments may subcontract with individuals, private businesses, or nonprofit organizations to perform grant-funded projects. Commercial

waste prevention and reuse projects will be given preference (focus points). Application materials are available online at [www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/grants/index.htm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/grants/index.htm).



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*"Imagine what a harmonious world it could be if every single person, both young and old shared a little of what he is good at doing."*

*-- Quincy Jones*

## Got Fence?

### Local Entrepreneur Gives Old Wood New Life



Bruce Wadleigh, proprietor of Barnwood Naturals, LLC is now creating beautiful, custom-made fences using wood he reclaims from old barns.

Wadleigh offers deconstruction services to owners of old barns, which are often made of high-quality old growth Douglas-fir, as an alternative to demolition. He then uses the wood and other materials to create unique custom flooring, furniture, fencing and more.

Examples of his work can be found on the Barnwood Naturals website at [www.barnwoodnaturals.com](http://www.barnwoodnaturals.com)

## Cradle to Cradle

Cradle to Cradle, a design paradigm created by MBDC, LLC, which focuses on producing products whose materials are perpetually circulated in closed loops, is now offered as a certification by MBDC.



Certified products use environmentally healthy materials; design for material reutilization, such as recycling or composting; the use of efficient and renewable energy; efficient use of water, and maximum water quality associated with production; and instituting strategies for social responsibility.

A list of certified products can be found at [www.mbdc.com/c2c/index.php](http://www.mbdc.com/c2c/index.php).

## Reaching Out!

Have you been looking for a way to keep the recycling message fresh in people's minds after a presentation or conversation?



Marion County has a small flyer available for Master Recyclers which quickly summarizes the importance of recycling and reminds residents how to do it correctly.

The flyer is made of 100% recycled-content paper and is English on one side and Spanish on the reverse. Electronic copies can also be found at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/pw/es> (scroll down to "Freebies").

Contact Beth Myers-Shenai at [smyersshenai@co.marion.or.us](mailto:smyersshenai@co.marion.or.us) or 503-588-5169 x5920 for more information.

## New Waste Reduction Intern



Marion County Public Works Environmental Services welcomes its new summer intern, **Abby Cain** from South Salem High School.

Abby will have her hands full this summer assisting on a myriad of projects including helping at fairs and events, organizing library, educational and promotional materials and designing a styro-foam display for Fresh Start Market.

Her interest in Environmental Science

led her to apply for the internship. In fact, her school's Envirothon team won the state championship this year and will be representing Oregon in the National Championships this August in North Carolina!

After completing her internship, Abby will be studying Environmental Science at Pacific University.

Welcome, Abby; we are lucky to have you!



## Marion County's Recycling Video Named Educational Program of the Year!



The Association of Oregon Recyclers recognized a new video called "Saving Little Pieces of Our Earth" as their Education Program of the Year at their recent conference in Redmond, Oregon. Several local government agencies collaborated to produce the 13 minute video which

explains what happens to the mixed curbside recyclables after the garbage/recycling hauler picks them up. It shows the process of how paper, metal, plastic, and other recyclables are separated and turned into new products. The video also focuses on why some materials, such as plastic bags and glass, contaminate the mixed recycling when they are put in the mixed recycling rollcars.

"Our goal was to demystify the whole recycling process and help explain why

recycling is good for the environment and also why it's so important that the correct materials be put in the mixed recycling rollcart." said Bailey Payne, a recycling coordinator for Marion County Public Works - Environmental Services.

The video is available for free on the County's website (<http://www.co.marion.or.us/PW/ES/video.htm>) or by calling the Department of Environmental Quality at 1-800-452-4011 x6724.



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material for new products or other purposes.

**CREATING JOBS:** Garten Zero Waste Events is staffed by the very people who fulfill Garten's mission. Garten Services exists to provide jobs for people with disabilities and increase society's awareness of human potential. We have successfully fulfilled this mission since 1970 with ever expanding kinds of programs and services, of which Garten Zero Waste Events is the newest. Our Zero Waste Events services are staffed by a team of workers accompanied by a job coach, who interface with the public to educate our members of our community on ways to walk more lightly on the earth. Jobs are also created downstream, as we repurpose waste rather than sending it to disposal sites.

***Garten Zero Waste Events is good for the community, good for the environment and good for people with disabilities!***

**OUR MENU OF SERVICES:**

You can choose the level of support that you need from the following menu:

**Tier 1: Quick & Clean**

Contact Garten Zero Waste Events to reserve the ZW recycling/composting units. Sign your promise to return receptacles as agreed, and we charge you a nominal fee only for our out-of-pocket costs for the actual number of compostable bags that you use during your event. In addition, we send you an email providing a copy of our Zero Waste Events check list, as well as our informative Garten's Zero Waste Event Guide. When you come to Garten to pick up your ZW units, we'll also provide you with written instructions and a brief personal tutorial in setting up the units at your event site.

**Tier 2: Quiet as a Mouse**

Contact Garten Zero Waste Events to request delivery and set up of our ZW recycling units to your event site prior to your start time. We'll also then pick up and remove the units you've used at the conclusion of your event. This option means minimal on-site staff support for Garten's Zero Waste team members, minimal intrusion into your actual event, and is provided with a small fee to cover transport, staff time and inventory of

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bags used to service your events. You will receive all the benefits of Tier 1.

**Tier 3: Quite a Deal**

Garten Zero Waste Events teams deliver, set up and stay to actually staff the Zero Waste Stations during your event. This level of service more effectively helps your attendees choose the correct container, while educating them about how zero waste efforts successfully work! After your event concludes, our Zero Waste team will disassemble and remove the ZW units from your site, plus haul away the materials you've successfully diverted from the trash. This

tier of service carries a moderate flat fee.

**Tier 4: Quintessential**

This is the "Cadillac" of zero waste services! Garten Zero Waste teams support your event in its entirety, from the planning stage to implementation, set up, on-site staffing – even clearing tables, if you wish – in order to provide you with quality recycling of commodities and composting to the greatest possible degree through our professional onsite process.

A fee is charged to cover some of Garten's costs, and is negotiated by event based on attendance, identified waste generators and projected waste levels (i.e., recyclables, compostables, redeemables, items that can be repurposed or reused, and that minimal percentage of actual garbage that we've helped you attain).

Garten Services has always been a leader in recycling services. Now we offer a comprehensive resource recovery service that moves well beyond basic recycling and will dramatically reduce waste – while creating new jobs.

Turn your next event into a zero-waste event with Garten. You can make a difference. We'll make it easy!

For more information on Garten's new Zero Waste Events project – or to request services for your upcoming events – visit Garten online at [www.garten.org](http://www.garten.org)

-Courtesy of Garten Services.





# Volunteer Opportunities



## July

### Marion County Fair

**July 9 -12**, Multiple shifts available from 10 am until 8 pm.

This year's fair theme is "Green & Growing, Celebrating 150 Years of a Clean & Green Oregon

Admission to the Fair will be free to volunteers.

For more information contact:

Alan Pennington 503 365-3188 [apennington@co.marion.or.us](mailto:apennington@co.marion.or.us)

### Salem Art Fair

**July 17 -19**, 10 am - 7 pm

Shifts available to help with recycling and compost collection. For more information contact Bruce Gates at [brucegates@comcast.net](mailto:brucegates@comcast.net)

## August

### Oregon State Fair

**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](mailto:bpayne@co.marion.or.us).

**Don't forget to report your hours!**



## September

### Home School Day - Oregon Garden

**Tuesday, September 15**. Two shifts:

10 am - 12 pm and 12 pm - 2pm

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](mailto:cquam1@chemeketa.edu))

## Upcoming Events

### July 1st

**One Fair World**, formerly known as Ten Thousand Villages Salem, will celebrate its new name at a Grand Reopening with music, cake, and gift drawings on July 1st from 5-8PM during other *1st Wednesday* festivities.

Lively music will be provided by The Flying O'Carolan Brothers playing Irish, Celtic, and American fiddle tunes and songs.

The store still is operated by the same nonprofit board of directors and volunteers and will continue to carry many Ten Thousand Villages products. Located at 474 Court St., the store has operated since 2001 selling international, hand-crafted

*Factoid:*  
"Based on data gathered at store registers during checkout, Fred Meyer customers brought a reusable bag to the checkout stand 12 million more times in 2008 than they did in 2007" -Sustainable Industries

gifts, home décor, jewelry, stationery, musical instruments, personal accessories, coffee, tea and chocolate. Its primary mission is to help alleviate global poverty through fair trade practices.

474 Court Street NE - Salem, OR 97301 - 503-585-1636 [onefairworld@comcast.net](mailto:onefairworld@comcast.net)

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#### Marion County Fair

Marion County Fair is launching its first ever "Living Green Expo" featuring interactive and educational displays and booths. This year's fair theme is "Green & Growing, Celebrating 150 Years of a Clean & Green Oregon". The Living Green Expo will feature:

-Information on alternative energy sources, such as bio-diesel, solar, wind and wave energy.

-Hybrid vehicles, electric cars and scooters.

-An interactive compost pile complete with live worms that kids can touch and study.

**Compost Your Yard Debris!**

- 1 Compost in your backyard! Give your yard the benefit of this rich source of nutrients. Discount composters are available at Fresh Start Market (3020 Center St. NE, Salem).
- 2 Use the free curbside yard debris cart if available in your area. These items can go in:
  - Yard prunings
  - Twigs and small sticks
  - Leaves and pine needles
  - Grass clippings
  - Garden, fruit and vegetable scrapsNO plastic bags, Pet waste, Food
- 3 Take it to the Salem-Keizer or North Marion Recycling and Transfer Station, they both accept clean yard debris for \$47/ton with a \$9.00 minimum.

Remember: If It Grows, It Goes!

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