



Master Recycler Newsletter

Marion County Aims to Increase Recycling Opportunities at Apartments

Marion County is rolling out a new pilot program which aims to determine the best methods of increasing recycling rates at multi-family housing units in Marion County.

The pilot project will work with 20 apartment complexes in Salem. The program will distribute recycling containers (a bin or tote bag) to some apartment complexes and educational information to all of the apartment complexes. Each apartment complex will be monitored for increased recycling rates and contamination rates and pilot project participants will be surveyed to determine the effectiveness of the materials they received. Results of the pilot program will determine whether apart-

ment complexes throughout Marion County will receive recycling tote bags, recycling bins, or neither.

Keep this pilot program in mind as you are out and about volunteering at events this summer. Although the management at all of the apartment complexes in the pilot program have agreed to be a participant in the program, and educational materials about the project were distributed to every unit, some residents may still come up to you wondering why they received a recycling bin or tote for use inside their home. Do your best to explain the pilot program to these residents, and encourage them to fill out the survey they'll be re-

ceiving.

In Marion County, 23.5 percent of the housing units are in multi-family complexes and almost 79,000 people live in those complexes. Recycling at apartment complexes has some unique challenges, and the financial benefit of recycling (or just produc-



Introducing Recycling to Multi-Family Apartment Complexes

ing less waste) isn't passed along to apartment renters who don't pay their trash bill.

To learn more about the pilot project contact Petrina Eger at peger@co.marion.or.us or 503-365-3187.

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Quote of the Month

"It is imperative to maintain portions of the wilderness untouched so that a tree will rot where it falls, a waterfall will pour its curve without generating electricity, a trumpeter swan may float on uncontaminated water— and moderns may at least see what their ancestors knew in their nerves and blood."

- Bernard De Voto, *Fortune*, June 1947

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Art Fair

July 18, 2008– July 20, 2008

Bush's Pasture Park

Volunteers are still needed to help monitor recycling bins and answer recycling questions at the Salem Art Fair. Volunteers receive an Art Fair t-shirt. Open shifts are as follows:

Friday, July 18, 2008

10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.– 1 volunteer needed; 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.– 3 volunteers needed

Saturday, July 19, 2008

1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.– 2 volunteers needed; 4:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.– 3 volunteers needed

Sunday, July 20, 2008

10 a.m.– noon– 2 volunteers needed; noon– 3:00 p.m.– 2 volunteers needed; 3:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.– 4 volunteers needed.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these shifts please contact Kim at 503-588-5169 ext. 5920 or kdinan@co.marion.or.us

Santiam SummerFest

July 26, 2008

Stayton, Oregon

Ten volunteers are needed to monitor recycling bins in the food court and at the 3x3 basketball tournament during the Santiam SummerFest street fair held in historic downtown Stayton on Third Avenue. The available shifts are as follows. Please note that the first shift volunteers will help set up the event recycling containers and the third shift volunteers will collect the

event recycling containers. The 8:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. breakfast shift will help cover recycling at the Firefighters breakfast.

Shifts:

8:00 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.– 3 people needed

8:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.– 1 person needed

11:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.– 3 people needed

2:30 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.– 3 people needed

If you would like to volunteer for any of these shifts please contact Kelly Schreiber or Mary Albert at 503-769-3464 or email sscoc@wvi.com

Aumsville Corn Festival

August 23, 2008

Porter Boone Park, Aumsville

One or two volunteers are needed from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on August 23, 2008 to monitor recycling bins and help staff a recycling information booth at the Aumsville Corn Festival. If you would like to volunteer at this event please contact Dan Elmore at 503-302-7954 or dce97325@yahoo.com

Oregon State Fair

August 22, 2008– September 1, 2008

As part of the State's initiative to be a leader in Sustainable/Renewable energy, the Oregon State Fair will feature an area dedicated to educating, entertaining, and engaging fair patrons to become more aware and active in the areas of solar

power, wind power, wave/tidal power, geothermal power, and biomass. There will be a strong emphasis placed on alternative transportation, agriculture ties, recycling, tax incentives, success stories and educational and entertaining programming. Two or three Master Recycler volunteers are needed for an exciting pay-back opportunity. Volunteers will work with John Matthews (Garten Services) to recruit presenters and educators for hour-long speaking opportunities during the fair and will also help organize the sustainability section at the fair. This is a great opportunity to learn about innovative environmental programs around the state and log some great experience with event organizing. If you are interested in joining the sustainability planning for the Oregon State Fair, please contact Kim at 503-588-5169 ext. 5920 or kdinan@co.marion.or.us

Oregon State Fair

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

Two Master Recyclers are needed to assist with the Oregon Green School Association's booth at the Oregon State Fair on Wednesday, August 27, 2008. Have fun teaching kids how to make paper, worm bins, and waste free lunches! There are two shifts available, 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. If you can help out with this event, please email Bailey at bpayne@co.marion.or.us.



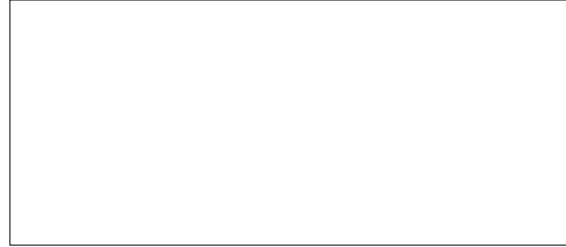
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Marion County Public Works– Environmental Services is Hiring!

Marion County is currently seeking a third Waste Reduction Coordinator to join the Public Works– Environmental Services team. The position is located at the Marion County– Public Works building on Silverton Road in Salem. Position recruitment will close on Monday, July 14, 2008. The salary is \$20.99-\$28.15/hour.

The position will primarily be a communications role and will include managing the waste reduction/recycling advertising, organizing volunteers and information booths at community

events, updating department literature and website, writing articles, and coordinating apartment complex recycling and green building efforts. For information on how to apply visit:

www.co.marion.or.us/BS/HR/jobopenings.htm.

For questions about the job opening, please contact Jeff Bickford, 503-588-5169 ext. 5992 or jbickford@co.marion.or.us.

Marion County is also currently seeking an Environmental Spe-

cialist to work on water quality issues. Details about this position can also be found at the link above. This recruitment will remain open until a sufficient number of qualified applications are received.

Finally, Straub Environmental Learning Center is hiring an AmeriCorps Volunteer to serve as the Environmental Education Specialist. For more information about this position, please visit the Straub Environmental Learning Center website at www.fselc.org.