

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers

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TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

Upcoming Events:

- Celebrate Cindy Brown—Join us on Saturday, March 12th, 6pm, for a festive potluck at Karen Murray's place in The Dalles. See article [this page](#) for details and directions.
- Green Drinks in Hood River at the Columbia Center for the Arts: Link to their website for the latest news on the Green Drinks of-firings
- Free to the Public **Shredding Events** for Earth Day:
The Dalles- Fri., April 22
Hood River- Sat., April 23
Master Recyclers needed!
- September 2011 The next round of Master Recycler Classes. Start "talking up" the classes and the field trips.

CINDY BROWN IS ROLLING ON!!



Boo-Hoo for us! Hurray for Sherman County! Cindy has landed a job working with the OSU Sherman County Extension Office in her hometown of Moro. No more 80 mile roundtrip drives to work and back for Cindy! (Of course, this is challenging her carpool partner, now!) She will finally be able to use her bumper sticker that says, "Drive Less. Save More." (She has been saving this bumper sticker for a LONG time!) She will probably place it on her bike that she plans on riding to work and back....4 miles down her road.

We are happy for her but she will be sorely missed. She will be working with the 4-H Youth Development program as well as agriculture education. She will be able to

apply her recycling expertise to some of her youth activities! Her last days at our Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program will be March 1st, 2nd and 9th. You can e-mail Cindy at her home at: cindybrown@gorge.net or at her new job at: Cindy.Brown@oregonstate.edu

Plan on joining us to "**Celebrate Cindy**" on Saturday evening, March 12th starting at 6pm at Karen Murray's in The Dalles. If you can, bring a potluck item to serve 5-6 people. Stop by to visit, even if you can't stay long or bring anything. We are going to have an optional "Good Wishes Plant" for her that people could hang their good wishes on or under, if they choose, in whatever form they wanted: cards, notes, or something else.

Directions? Take exit 85 off I-84. Head back into town, around the "Roundabout," right at Brewery Grade exit, up the hill & right on Dry Hollow Rd. Take next left onto 10th Street for about .9 mile, then right on Morton. We are the second and third driveways on the right; it loops. Park off to the side, anywhere. The address is 2645 E. 11th Street. 541-296-8895. (You can reach us from 12th Street, as well.) Plan on joining us and families are welcome!

Community Spotlight:

Are you keeping abreast with "Dirt Hugger"? "Dirt Hugger is a regional composting company that supports a sustainable, local economy by collecting, processing and utilizing valuable organic nutrients locally." It is located on the west end of The Dalles on the old Mountain Fir Lumber Company site. Pierce Lewis and Tyler Miller, former aerospace engineers from Cloud Cap Technol-



ogy, own and operate the new commercial composting facility. They are working with Waste Connections as well as with the city of Hood River and The Dalles to pilot the collection of "pre-consumer

food" waste to their site. Companies like Oregon Cherry Growers and Duckwald Fruit Company, just to name a few, are already trucking organic waste to Dirt Hugger. Tyler and Pierce combine the correct amounts of carbon and nitrogen sources to promote decomposition. Windrows of compost can reach temperatures of 160 degrees Fahrenheit!!! Keep up with all the excitement at www.dirthugger.com

How Are YOU Doing in RECORDING Your VOLUNTEER HOURS?



Have you noticed any small improvements on our Volunteer Hours website? ***There is now a place to record the details of your volunteer hours.*** Go to "My Profile" tab and select the second smaller tab, "Additional Info," scroll down to the bottom and see, "***My Payback Hours/Details.***" This is where we would love for you to "***Briefly describe what you did and your approx. time spent to help us understand your contributions.***" Remember that spiral notebook of notes you have been keeping, recording what you really did to help the community reduce their waste and recycle? Record those notes in the space provided on this site. List, however you are comfortable, the details of what you really did! This information will be extremely helpful to us to see what you have been doing. Some of our categories are extremely broad so you can help us with your details. You can list or write in a narrative form or however you see fit.

Thank you ahead of time for doing this!!!!

Shredding Events: Earth Day, April 22 and April 23

"We are excited to be able to offer free document shredding to the public in The Dalles, on Earth Day, April 22nd, with the help of Gorge Security Shred."

Friday, April 22, 2011, Earth Day, will be celebrated in The Dalles by offering free shredding of confidential documents to the public. The Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program will be partnering with Gorge Security Shred to bring this event to The Dalles.

The event will hopefully be "staged" on the east side of the old Albertson's parking lot and we are currently working with Mike Kern, Manager of "Save A Lot" Stores. Cross your fingers! Karen Murray thinks this will be the perfect location to situate the event

with an entrance for vehicles from the back street behind the store. Master Recyclers will be needed to help with this event and we hope to have a table displaying other earth-friendly ideas like composting and recycling.

Karen will also need some Master Recycler volunteers to help her with the free Hood River Shredding Event which will happen Saturday, April 23rd. Stay tuned for additional information.

Did You Know...?

- that we are going to need Master Recyclers that would like to canvas The Dalles regarding business that would like desk-side boxes?
-at least 25% of our waste is organic waste?
-hazardous waste collection in the Tri-County area is up 60% (compared to last year's collection) to 176, 000 pounds but the cost went up only 20%!!!!

OUR MASTER RECYCLER GROUP IS ON THE WEB!! CHECK IT OUT!
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-County-Master-Recyclers/107724469293841>

Way to
Go!!



Cynthia Caudill, Master Recycler

Do you have ideas for our next Master Recycler Newsletter? We need your input and your creativity. Please contact Karen Murray.

MASTER RECYCLER SPOTLIGHT: CYNTHIA CAUDILL

Cynthia is very busy mother of three and a Master Recycler "Extraordinaire". She volunteers extensively with May Street Elementary in Hood River, where her oldest children go to school. She presents a 6-lesson recycling curriculum to interested May Street School classrooms. Recently, Cynthia wrote a grant to Tri-County Hazard Waste and Recycling for a durable "Party Pack" set-up for May Street School classrooms where students and staff could use real plates, silverware and cups, avoiding the typical post-classroom party waste. **She motivated us to provide a Party Pack Bucket YOU could check out from us, too!** Cynthia also runs a cottage business, "Rethink Crafts" and a blog, www.rethinkcrafts.blogspot.com

Earth Day is Friday, April 22, 2011. Shredding Events and MORE are happening!

SHORT AND SWEET

- Q. What is going to happen with Cindy Brown's position?
- A. Eventually, **sooner** than later we hope, the program will be hiring to "fill the void." Stay tuned...
- Q. When are we going to actually be able to go on that field trip to "MRF"?
- A. Karen has e-mailed the Far West Fiber MRF contact twice and she is still waiting to hear back. The first field trip will probably be on a week-

day because that is when the MRF is open.

- Q. Are there Earth Day activities going on in Hood River this year?
- A. The Earth Center is coordinating Saturday, April 23rd service projects around the Columbia River Gorge as well as the "Parade of Species" and a "SustainaBall." See www.cqec.org We will host a shredding event(PAPER PURGE!) in Hood River, that day, as well.

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