

# Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers

FEBRUARY 2012 EDITION

TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

## Upcoming Events:

- [Sense of Place Lecture](#) Springhouse Cellars **Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 6:00-7:30pm** **Darryl Lloyd**, professional photographer & passionate advocate for the protection of Mt. Adams. Check out above link for more info.
- [Green Drinks is a monthly networking event for business professionals, community leaders and residents interested in sustainability issues where experts share.](#) Come hear Dave Martin of Trinity Natural Medicine lead brief discussion about Chinese medicine and see a local photographer [Starlisa Black](#), showcase her incredible photography. **Feb. 9, 2012, 6-7:30pm**, 410 E. Jewett, White Salmon
- [Master Recycler Field Trip](#) to the Vancouver MRF where our comingled recyclables are processed now. **Wed., February 29th**. **Approx. time: 7:30am-4pm** Transportation will be provided and space is limited so let [Karen](#) know if you are interested as soon as possible. See article this page.
- [Master Recycler Gathering](#) in March in Mosier-March 13th or 14th? Please respond to the Doodle Poll in my e-mail. Thanks!
- **SAVE THE DATES BELOW-HELP NEEDED** [Sign-Up on MasterRecyclers' Login Site](#)
- **Document Shred Events with Master Recycler Tabling** around Earth Day: Hood River Garbage -**Friday, April 20th** The Dalles Disposal-**Saturday, April 21st** Master Recyclers needed!!
- **The Dalles Cherry Festival Events** **Saturday, April 28th** Master Recyclers needed throughout the day from **8:30am-4:30pm**. (Shifts are available) Scheduled activities:
  - 1) Tabling at the Master Recycler Booth near the Civic Auditorium,
  - 2) Parading walking with Master Recyclers, and
  - 3) Supervising the recycling/composting of food in the Concessions Area
- **Drug Take-Back Events** **Saturday May 5th from 10am-2pm** **Cascade Locks, Hood River Courthouse and The Dalles Senior Center** Master Recyclers needed at all 3 sites!!
- The Dalles Community Clean-up Day **Saturday, May 5th, 10am-2pm** Master Recyclers have historically helped with the Re-Use Area



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Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program is part of the North Central Public Health District.

## Master Recycler Field Trip Opportunity

Have you wondered where our comingled recyclables are processed lately? Would you like to see for yourself? Join Jim Winterbottom, Site Manager of Waste Connection's The Dalles Disposal and Hood River Garbage, and Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program staff on a field trip to Vancouver, Washington to see what really happens, Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

*I had thought that the things I put in my blue bin from my home and the blue rollies from work went to SP Newsprint in Clackamas.*

Well, they used to! Now the markets are favoring CrC, Columbia Resource Company of Waste Connections. Chris Thomas, the Regional Recycling Manager, has agreed to be our host and give us a deluxe tour of the plant. And, Jim Winterbottom has agreed to go with us!

We know it might be tough for some of you on a weekday, but the plant is closed on the weekends. If enough Master Recyclers are interested we want to get a small bus like we did for our class field trips.

**Let Karen know by February 10th so we have enough time to line-up transportation.**



Waste Connection's West Vancouver MRF...come with us on Wednesday, February 29th, as we tour the facility and visit some related recycling sites.

**What:** Master Recycler Field Trip to the West Vancouver MRF and various other related recycling sites in the area  
**When:** Wednesday, February 29th, meeting in The Dalles at 7:30am, with a pick-up in Hood River at 8am. We plan to be back in Hood River by 4pm or so.  
**Why:** To see where our local comingled recyclables are processed.  
**Who:** All Master Recyclers, from any of our 4 classes are invited to attend.  
**How:** Send an E-mail to [Karen Murray](#) ([karenm@co.wasco.or.us](mailto:karenm@co.wasco.or.us)) by February 10th. Space is limited. Bring a sack lunch.

## Volunteer2 or Volunteer Impact

Keep logging those hours on our Volunteer Login. If you are frustrated with the squished format on our website and the Master Recycler Login Drop Down Menu, go to [MyVolunteerPage.com](#) and there will be a full page view. Soon we will be linking you to this with **our** new website. Perhaps in a couple of months? If you need help on logging in or catching up with recording hours, give me a call and I can make a visit. Also, I can drop by some new directions on navigating the site. I have been practicing more on Volunteer2, so e-mail me for help!!!!

E-mail [Karen](#) if you would like her to



stop by and help you login your hours and acquaint you with the new features. It is important to our program to see the hours so I don't mind helping. Seriously!!

## Links that will not disappoint . . .

There are some great websites out there and below are a few that I like very much. I would encourage you to check them out and see what you think. Simply connect by placing your cursor over the orange titles below, notice the hand and click.

1. [Columbia Gorge Earth Center](#)  
—They have developed a new website that is inviting, informative and resourceful. Their “Incubated Program Areas” and their “Upcoming Events” provide you with lots of interesting information and happenings.
2. [DirtHugger](#)—One of my favorite websites to see what Pierce and Tyler and Company have been up to. You



have to see the incredible photograph of the DirtHugger grinding operation that made it to the front cover of the [BioCycle Magazine](#)!! Plus, their blog about important events that have impacted their composting facility is an interesting read. I love the writing!

3. [Gorge Owned Business Net-](#)

[work](#)—Great website even if you just watch the photographs cycle and see our David Skakel and his daughters defining what “local” means to them!! Jen Piatt, one of our Spring 2010 Master Recyclers who works on Sustainability at Insitut, is also featured in the “revolving photographs.”

4. [Joe Board](#)—free classified and community bulletin board including a business-specific materials exchange for the Gorge. When I checked it out last week, there were recycling containers and compost advertised and much, much more!



# TerraCycle is Up to the Challenge Again

TerraCycle has been working on a recycling solution for used disposable diapers. Can you believe it? Their team of scientists is close to turning dirty diapers into material suitable for plastic lumber, pallets and outdoor furniture. They plan to launch the diaper recycling program this September and they are hopeful the program will be sponsored by Huggies Brand. Their program will be able to accept any type of disposable diaper and will reach out to a couple hundred daycare centers that are already involved in their program and first 25 that volunteer will become the test markets.



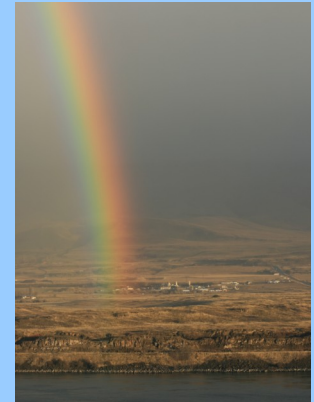
TerraCycle will be able to supply smell-and-contaminant-proof collection containers that will be like a “Diaper Genie” but on a grand scale.

Want to know more? How about what TerraCycle is doing to repurpose feminine hygiene products, chewing gum and cigarette butts? Find out [more](#).

## Beauty of the Gorge...



An Incredible Sunset from The Dalles



Rainbow across the Gorge

# Tri-County Releases New “How to Recycle” Materials for Homes and Businesses

Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling has recently created a new look and some new materials for homeowners and businesses who want help learning how to recycle correctly.

These materials are available in English and Spanish. Please give our office a call at 541-506-2636 if you or someone you know is in need of some helpful hands-on material.

**Poster for business recycling**

**Home recycling brochure**

## 3 Master Recyclers Share Knowledge, Skills to Inspire Community

**Cynthia Caudill's** Recycled Art Workshop at the [Columbia Center for the Arts](#). Participants made wallets and monster pillows out of repurposed material on Saturday, January 28th at the Art Center in Hood River. Everyone was truly amazed at the resourcefulness of the morning!



**Grace Skakel** tells Mosier Community School students about taking the Master Recycler class. (Her dad is next to her for moral support but Grace does **ALL** the presenting!) Grace also told the crowd about worm composting, and shared a worm bin that ended up in her younger sister, Delia's, classroom. *Don't forget that TriCounty Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program will purchase a worm bin for classrooms in our area. Spread the word!*

**Peggy Dills Kelter** humbly agrees to showcase her 3 magnificent mosaics at the Trash 2 Art Show at the Columbia Center for the Arts in Hood River! (Did you catch her "Cascade Observations" column in the Hood River News on January 11, 2012 entitled, "There's treasure in trash"? **Page B2** It was great! ***Let me know if you want a copy.***)



## KUDOS TO YOU

*Thank you for all you do to help change minds and lifestyles in our community! You are reaching out to businesses, individuals, schools, friends, neighbors, and organizations to help them "walk more softly" on the earth. Keep up the good work and keep us posted on how we might help!*

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

### How to get in touch with us:

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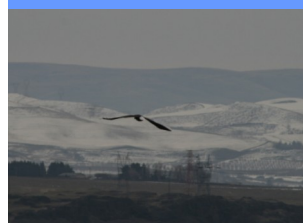
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**Bald Eagle  
soaring  
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