

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers

JULY 2011 EDITION

TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesdays until Oct. 5th
Farmers' Market in The Dalles at Union St. Park— 4pm-7pm
- Thursdays until Oct. 6th
Gorge Grown Farmers' Market
Hood River Middle School
4pm—7pm
- Saturdays until Oct. 8th
Farmers' Market in The Dalles at Union St. City Park
8am-1pm
- Saturday Market Hood River
Hood River News Parking Lot
Goes until Sept. 24
9am-3pm

More Regional Farmers' Markets

- Saturdays 9am-1pm in Stevenson until Sept. 24th
- Saturdays 3pm-5pm in Lyle until Sept. 24th
- Sundays 9am-1pm in Maupin until Sept. 25th
- Sundays 4pm-7pm in Mosier until Sept. 25th
Green Drinks
- Thursday, July 7th
6pm-7:30pm at Water's Edge Health and Wellness Center at Lone Pine Village in The Dalles. Help celebrate the 1yr. Anniversary and the Gold-LEED plaque unveiling.
- Saturday, July 16th
Fort Dalles Days Parade with possible tabling opportunities

Tuesday nights

Sept. 13th.-Nov. 1, 2011

Fall Master Recycler Class 4
Mosier Creek Terrace

Promote the class and the field trips!! Suggest that interested people access our Tri-County Website and access the Master Recycler Tab at the top of our home page.

www.tricountyrecycle.com

HEATHER ALEXANDER JOINS TRI-COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM

Heather jumped in with both feet and joined David and Karen at the Association of Oregon Recyclers' conference in Seaside, June 16th-19th, her first couple days on the job. Her networking skills and her past experience in marketing, program development and public relations, make her a perfect fit for our program. Heather was 'top pick' in a highly-qualified selection of candidates with excellent interviews, as viewed by key stakeholders of our program. She was best suited to carry our program's message of sustainability forward, even though it was a difficult decision with so many talented people interviewed.

Heather brings to the program experience with fundraising, resource development planning, public information and marketing for Mosier Community School, Clackamas County Event Center, the Home At Last Program, West Linn-Wilsonville School District, Willamette Falls Hospital and Camp Fire USA and Mid-Columbia Medical Center. We are so happy to have Heather on board!!



Heather Alexander, new Solid Waste Specialist for TCHWRP

David Skakel named Individual Recycler of the Year by The Association of Oregon Recyclers on June 17th

A decade of service involving reducing, reusing and recycling waste and heralding sustainability was recognized at the state-wide Association of Oregon Recyclers' Conference at their awards banquet on June 17th for our David. It is about time!! David has been a staunch advocate in product stewardship, reusing and sharing materials, composting both commercially, residentially and at schools, hazardous waste collections and so much more. Countless hours, behind the scenes, have been spent by David, quietly (usually!) shepherding this ship of sustainability. David is currently our program's coordinator.



Delia, Kate, David and Grace Skakel at the Awards Ceremony at the Association of Oregon Recyclers' Conference, June 17th

See the [AOR Listing of award winners](#).

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers on Facebook
Under Construction at this time.....stay tuned.....Karen

Master Recyclers: Let's Make our Presence Known at Farmers' Markets This Summer!!

Your help is needed at the local Farmers' Markets in your region. Let me know if you are able to "table" for the Master Recycler Program this summer. I can help you get the supplies you need and it doesn't have to include the canopy. **(We can make it simple.)** If you give me the date(s)/location, I can help get the materials to you. It is best to "hook up" with other Master Recyclers or our staff might be able to join you on-site. We can also do the contacting of the market manager to let them know you are coming. See the "Upcoming Events" on page one for the different days of the week, times and locations. The markets are all over the place! **We really encourage you to try "tabling"** and we think you will find it fun and rewarding. Veteran "Tablers", we need you, too! Let me know what you



FALL MASTER RECYCLER CLASS SCHEDULED TUESDAY EVENINGS, SEPT. 13th TO NOV. 1st

Mosier Creek Terrace (501 E. 2nd St. in Mosier) is the site of our next Master Recycler class....(Class 4!!!) starting Tuesday night, September 13th from 6pm until 8:30pm. The class will include 8 (two and a half hour) sessions and 2 Saturday field trips to visit various facilities.



"Talk the class up" and refer people to our website to apply. We would love to have everyone help spread the word!

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Short and Sweet

- Q. What else happened in the Legislature besides the Bottle Bill update and the "Cool Schools" Bill?
- A. Oregon's e-Waste collection program has been expanded to eventually include these peripherals: **printer**, **keyboard** and **mouse**, AND the legislature helped to secure funding that will establish a fledgling system of marine reserves along Oregon's coast to protect our fisheries and coastal economy.
- Q. What else is happening around here that you should know?
- A. We are now accepting documents that need shredding at our monthly hazardous waste events with Gorge Security Shred's roly carts. Documents are physically shredded at their business location up Thomsen Road out of HR.

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

5 months of work in the Legislative Session came to a close June 30, 2011 with the passage of 2 top environmental priorities:

- 1) **Modernizing Oregon's Bottle Bill** which adds beverage containers like sport drinks and teas, reduces confusion among consumers about which bottles are included, and will increase recycling rates of containers that would otherwise end up in the landfill or as litter.
- 2) **"Cool Schools" Bill** creates more sustainable schools that use energy and water more efficiently, improves indoor air quality and acoustics, and reduces harmful toxics while creating jobs, saving money on energy bills and creates healthier learning environments.

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