

Columbia River Gorge Master Recyclers

SEPTEMBER 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**
Tuesday, September 13
6pm-7:30pm, Cerulean Winery,
304 Oak Street, Hood River
Topic: Biking as a Sustainable Transportation Option
- **Tuesday nights**
Sept. 13th, -Nov. 1, 2011
Fall Master Recycler Class 4
Mosier Creek Terrace
Promote the class and the field trips!
www.tricountyrecycle.com

- **Master Recyclers still needed at 2 upcoming events:**
October 1st at Water's Edge for the Drug Take-back Event 10-2pm to help with pill bottle recycling
October 8 & 9th
The Discovery Center for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area. Help needed from 9am-5pm for either day! (Name your shift!) The Center also would like our help on a recycling activity that day...ask me for details!

Master Recyclers Tour DirtHugger and Picnic at the Klindt's Beach Pocket Park



Pierce Louis, co-owner of the DirtHugger Compost Facility gave a great tour of the operation at the last Master Recycler Gathering on Monday, August 22nd. The wind blew but the sun shined and the compost piles were heating up! 146 degrees! See Cathie Kelter feeling the heat!



This special thermometer is reading the temperature inside the windrowed compost piles!! HOT!

The whole idea on composting is that DirtHugger is trying to build an environment for the "microbes to be really happy" and consume all of the carbon in their piles, with a target of 30 to 1 ratio of carbon to nitrogen, 55% moisture content and a lot of oxygen. DirtHugger is getting their nitrogen mostly from food scraps from restaurants, grocery store produce, coffee grounds, fruit processing plants and "brew doo" from beer breweries. There are many champion businesses that are participating in the Hood River and The Dalles area. (Check out DirtHugger's website at <http://dirthugger.com> and look at their "Customers and Partners" page!!) There are 49 businesses that are participating and 10 different partners, with Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling being one.



Zoom in and look at all those piles!! Wow!! The big one on the right is not yet windrowed.



Marilyn Wall, Jeanette Montour, Peggy Dills Kelter, Karen Murray, Cathie Kelter, Phaedra Booth, (cool hat in far back!) David Skakel and Mary Lou Perry listen to Pierce Lewis (far left) from DirtHugger Commercial Compost Facility.



Phaedra, Marilyn and Heather on left, Karen, Jeanette, Mary Lou and David on right joining in on the potluck picnic at the Klindt's Beach river access.

Try It, You'll Like It!!! Tabling Can Be Fun and We Can Help!!



Proof positive that Master Recyclers have tabled at the Mosier Farmers' Market



Sol Gilman and Karen Murray at an early summer Farmers' Market at The Dalles Union Street Park



Heather Alexander, upper left, (our new staffer from Tri-County Hazardous Waste and Recycling Program,) Jeanette Montour and Phaedra Booth, both Master Recyclers from the Fall 2010 class and Karen Murray all staffed the Wasco County Fair booth. Thank you to everyone!!



Another example of Master Recycler tabling but this time at the Hood River Gorge Grown Market at the Hood River Middle School



This is what a very basic Event Table could look like. We will provide you with all of the supplies you need.

SHORT AND SWEET

Here is some potentially-helpful information:

- Talk up this next Master Recycler Class starting Tuesday nights on September 13th. Right now we have 12 individuals that have applied. We can handle more! Refer them to our website at www.tricountyrecycle.com to apply. Talk up the field trips, (Oct. 8th for Wasco County sites, Oct. 29th for Hood River sites.)
- Our hazardous waste collection program is accepting household documents to be shredded at our HR and TD hazardous waste events. The public needs to be ready to "feed" the documents or papers into the locked roly carts of Gorge Security Shred, which will be on-site.
- Don't forget to record your hours on our Master Recycler Login on our website. If you have fallen behind on recording take 60 seconds to estimate your hours and don't stress about it. If you need help, please contact me (Karen!) by phone or e-mail. That is part of my job!! The site has been recently revised and is still under construction but we still need you to briefly describe your activities on the profile page under the "additional info" tab which has the "payback details/hours" space. *Even if you have just forgotten your password, let me know how I might help.*
- Our own David Skakel has been featured in the September 2011 edition of "Home and Garden," a publication of The Dalles Chronicle and the Hood River News in an article entitled, "Reused Materials for Your Home." Look for it in the Saturday, Aug. 27th HR News or the August 26th edition of TD Chronicle., the Home and Garden Section. Here is the LINK: <http://www.hoodrivernews.com/specialsections/HGREM.pdf> Page 17 and 18. (It could take a minute to download!)
- Thank you for all that you do to help further our mission of "bridging the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce waste in their homes and workplaces." Keep me posted on how things are going for you!! Call or e-mail me.



Pierce Louis, showing off the specialty ClearStream signage in preparation for the Insitu Company Picnic. You, too, can borrow these by contacting our office and talking to Laurie Jupe at 541-506-2619.

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

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Incredible Sky at Our Master Recycler Gathering August 22, 2011