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## Master Recycler Program Welcome Letter

Lane County Waste Management Division offers (2) courses each year in the Eugene/Springfield area that provide education in waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and compost topics. A class via Zoom is offered January - March 2024.

**What we cover:** Class presenters and tour guides are local experts and innovators in solid waste management, waste-based businesses, waste prevention, recycling, and composting. These practitioners represent commercial, nonprofit, and government sectors. Classes are held in the evening and follow a lecture/Q&A format. Training includes Saturday tours of local and regional facilities. See below for a list of class presentations and tour locations.

**Enrollment:** First come, first served for residents of Lane County. There is no fee for those who complete 30 “qualified” volunteer hours. For those who do not want to fulfill volunteer requirements, the fee is \$50, payable to Lane County. ***Out-of-county applications are accepted, if space is available for a fee of \$50.***

### 35+ hours of instruction includes:

- 18 class sessions over 9 consecutive weeks via Zoom;
- Enrollment in Recycling 101 (online) through OSU;
- 2 Saturday AM multi-site tours (transportation provided);
- 1 Saturday AM compost demonstration;

**Classroom presentations:** Waste Reduction Programs, Transfer Operations, Special and Hazardous Waste, Nuisance Abatement Program (illegal dumping), Waste and Recycle Hauler Perspective, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), What is Recyclable and Why, Waste-Based Businesses including Bulk Handling Systems and St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County, Volunteering as a Master Recycler, Lowering Personal Consumption, Business Resource Conservation, Backyard Composting, Vermicompost and Bokashi, Waste Reduction Programs of Eugene and other towns were participants reside, Oregon Waste Prevention Legislation, Speaking with Confidence (Toastmasters), Recycled Art Education through MECCA, Special Event Recycling, Master Recyclers Presentations (final class).

**Tour locations:** [Glenwood Central Receiving Station](#), [Hazardous Waste Collection Center](#), [Short Mountain Landfill](#), [EcoSort Material Recovery Facility](#), [Rexius](#), [NextStep](#) and [BRING](#).

**Recycling 101 online:** [Oregon State University](#) in partnership with the [Association of Oregon Recyclers](#) developed online curriculum geared at recycling and waste reduction education. The Lane County Master Recycler Program uses [Recycling 101](#) as its training and reference manual. R101 is **free of charge** for those enrolled in the Lane County Master Recycler Program.

## Recycling 101 Online – 8 Modules

- **Overview:** Provides general knowledge of solid waste management, historically and locally.
- **Thoughtful Consumption:** Focuses on how to conserve natural resources and save money through waste prevention—the ‘reduce and reuse’ portions of the solid waste hierarchy.
- **Recycling Processes:** Explains why recycling is an important way to conserve resources, what can be recycled, where recyclables go and how they are processed into usable resources.
- **Managing Organic Waste at Home and Work:** Reveals several methods for turning kitchen and yard waste into nutrient-rich plant food. It also discusses ways to prevent organic waste.
- **Waste Reduction at Work & Play:** Covers how to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost at your workplace, community center, place of worship, or school.
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** Explains how to identify hazardous products, and helps you rid your home of toxic chemicals and dangerous products. Discover safe alternative products and practices.
- **Sustainable Materials Management:** Moves us beyond disposal to look at how to evaluate products based on their entire life cycle and to make better decisions about resource use.
- **Taking Action:** Provides tools to help you integrate information from this course into your daily life—and to help others to do it, too. Discover tips for effective speaking.

