



Cascade Highlands Herald

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A little time, a little effort, makes for a better neighborhood!

Coupons for Leaf Disposal

Please note the coupons attached to this newsletter are for disposal of your fall leaves. The coupons may be used at West Van Materials Recover Center, H&H Wood Recyclers, and/or City Bark. They're good from Oct. 1 through mid-December. Coupons can also be downloaded from the city's website. Please note that we will have the leaf boxes at the usual location for the two weekends of Nov. 8/9 and Dec. 6/7. Again this year they will be emptied when full. :-)

CHNA Friends of Trees Planting

Our next Friends of Trees planting is Saturday, November 15, 2014. The sign-up deadline is Monday, October 13 and the order deadline is Monday, October 27. For further information or to sign up, go to friendsoftrees.org.

2015 Cleanup Date Set

July 25, 2015 - Vancouver Solid Waste allowed us to sign up for next year's cleanup so the date will be Saturday, July 25 from 8 a.m. until noon. Start saving your junk/recyclables now! LOL We'll have the chipper, metal recycling, the Goodwill truck and the usual Waste Connections trucks for bulky items and for yard debris.



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2014 Neighborhood Cleanup Recap

While it wasn't a busy cleanup, we had moderately steady traffic which produced 88 dumpster coupons (the average for our cleanups is 116), and 41 chipper (average is 55), plus 8 bicycles for the Community Cycling Center (in Portland) most of which can be fixed up to be in usable condition.

It was hot but not toooooo hot, and all the volunteers showed up and made this great event successful by volunteering their time: Pam W., Mark A., Joseph L., Bob Mc, Jackie A., Jim H., Shareefah H., Pat P. and Jean K. Three people donated use of their pickups (Pat, Shareefah and Jim, and Jean) but this year we really needed four trucks - which is something to remember for next year. We use one for the bicycles and three for the block foam. (More on the block foam later.)

There were a couple stresses - the Goodwill truck didn't show up until 8 (it was supposed to be delivered at 7). And at the end of the cleanup two young kids drove up in a pickup 10 minutes after we closed, insisting that the cleanup was supposed to continue until 2:30. They did not leave the site - as requested - with their mildew-y sofa and love seat remaining in the back of their pickup but managed to sneak the old and tired furniture into the Goodwill truck (the packer trucks had already left). This was upsetting as we try very hard to monitor what goes into the Goodwill truck so that the company will be willing to send us a truck each year because we give them usable and recyclable goods.

We also need to check that the block foam we save for Empower Up is only the packaging kind, not the 'spongy' stuff and also that it is clean, clean, clean (absolutely no dirt, cardboard, spider webs, smudges, glue, etc. can be allowed). Dirty block foam cannot be recycled so we might as well stuff it into the packer trucks. Next year we'll need a volunteer to pass muster on the block foam we accept for recycling so that our loads will not be rejected where we attempt to recycle the material.

The encouraging part of the cleanup is that several neighbors helped neighbors and so many people were willing to donate their time to help. Generous neighbors brought in 745 pounds of food for F.I.S.H. of Orchards (in

addition to \$52.00 to help with their expenses) and \$57.00 for the CHNA kitty. We paid the Community Cycling Center \$30.00 for the bicycles. Pam delivered the stainless steel sink with faucet and the plumbing equipment to the Habitat for Humanity Store which, fortunately, opened their new store at a closer location that very weekend. Gary H. took all the small engines for us which is such a big help, and Erika made several trips around the neighborhood picking up either yard debris or dumpster/recycle items for individuals unable to get their 'stuff' to the cleanup. This cleanup wouldn't happen without these volunteers and without the support of Waste Connections and the city of Vancouver. Thank you EVERYONE!

Save METAL for our next cleanup

Did you notice that we 'earned' \$176.00 for the metal recycling at our cleanup? Please consider saving your metal for our next cleanup as recycling it at our cleanup earns money for our neighborhood association.

Fitness Equipment Prioritization

Terry Snyder reported the following results of our prioritization of the possible fitness equipment choices for Homestead park. We will install equipment as we have funds - the Parks Foundation grant of \$10,000 should cover the costs of purchasing and installing two pieces sometime this fall. We will apply for another grant to cover the purchase and installation of the next pieces in 2015. Thank you to all who voted and prioritized!

1. The Step Up Bench
2. Body Curl Bench
3. Sit Up Bench
4. Overhead Ladder
5. Balance Beam
6. Parallel Bars
7. The knee Lift
8. Chin-Up Bars
9. Vault Bar
10. Log Hop
11. The wobble Board
- The Step Up
- 12 The Hurdle

Green Neighbors Collection Events

Clark County residents will have numerous opportunities to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and other items commonly found in garages, kitchens and utility rooms.

Green Neighbors is a Clark County Environmental Services program that promotes environmentally friendly and sustainable practices. It will sponsor nine free Saturday collections in the somewhat near future. The events are in partnership with every city and town in the county as well as the Washington State Department of Ecology, which provides the grant funding for the program.

Most collection events will accept block foam, electronic equipment and household hazardous waste, (pesticides, paints, solvents, thinners, motor oil and cleaners), as well as old tires, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units, scrap metal and woody yard debris. Free shredding for a limited amount of paper also will be available at most sites.

For details about specific events, you can visit the Green Neighbors' website, www.clarkgreenneighbors.org/recyclingday. [This program is open only to residents of Clark County, including its cities and towns.]

Here is the schedule for events in the City of Vancouver:

> Sat., Sept. 13 - 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., [Clark College, Purple Lot 1, 1800 Fort Vancouver Way](#)

> Sat., Sept. 20 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 99th Street Transit Center, 9700 NE 7th Ave

Please bring non-perishable food items for local food banks when participating in these events.

Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association Honors Mark Crawford

Mark has been the spearhead of the Homestead Acres Fence Project and has spent many hours working on it for the last couple years. Mark also volunteers around Homestead Acres to spruce up the foliage. He single-handedly painted many panels of fence. He set up a Nextdoor.com account for Homestead Acres and has written and distributed several communications to the 101 residents there. Mark volunteers at the neighborhood association cleanups and is an all-around great neighbor. Thanks Mark!



CHNA Fiscal Report by Treasurer Son Do

The current balance as of Sept., 2014 is \$4,033.97. We received several deposits this period:

\$176.00 from EHRecycling (for the metal we separated out in our cleanup), \$120.00 from the City of Vancouver (for attending the recyclingest neighborhood training and printing a recycling article in our newsletter), \$20.00 for two curb address painting efforts (thank you to you generous neighbors to donated while getting your address painted), \$100.00 for recycling at our cleanup, \$57.00 donated to us at the cleanup, \$100.00 for participating in the *resource conservation program* (recycling at the cleanup, mainly, also our tree planting).

Not a part of the above current balance, we also have an additional \$475 in our park foundation account held by the Park Foundation of Clark County.

Residents with Back Fences facing V. Loop, 160th, and McGillivray

If you live where your back fence faces a public street you are be responsible for maintaining the area between your fence and the street. This applies particularly to people living in Homestead Acres, Homestead Place, Morningside, and along 159th Ave. north of the park. Please assume the responsibility for trimming the bushes, raking and picking up the leaves and branches, and 'deleting' the litter. If your neighbor is disabled or elderly, please consider maintaining his/her beyond-the-back-fence area also. Collectively, we're responsible for how our neighborhood looks.

House Number Painted on Your Curb?

Would you like your house number painted on your curb out front? Police and Fire staff would really appreciate it if everybody had their curb number painted! Call or email Jean Kent to schedule the work. We'd like a donation for the park but will do the work for free if you cannot or are unwilling to donate at this time.

One Hour Per Month Makes for Successful Disaster Readiness

Can you set aside one hour per month for a year to establish a disaster readiness plan for your family? Consult with www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_prepare_year.shtml, but here's an overview. Perhaps you could write these ideas on your calendar to help remind yourself.

Month # 1: set up an action plan

Month # 2: make an out-of-area contact (often you can't make local calls but are able to communicate outside of the immediate area)

Month # 3: Set aside (purchase) water for everyone (a gallon a day per person; plan for 4 days without municipal water)

Month # 4: Set up a 72-hour (that's 3 days) comfort kit (toilet paper, can opener, food, batteries, etc.)

Month # 5: Get copies of important documents and put them in a special place

Month # 6: Prepare for extended time without electricity (flashlights, batteries - there is one emergency-trainer we read about who believes that batteries will be the most valued item after a disaster, not cash, and certainly not your credit/debit cards)

Month # 7: Put special emergency items under your bed (shoes/boots, flashlight, helmet, HELP/OK sticker along with bandaids to stick on your front window)

Month # 8: Get wrenches for turning off your gas and water and figure out (and train your family) how to do that

Month # 9: Practice Drop - Cover - and Hold

Month # 10: Get a fire extinguisher

Month # 11: Prepare for shelter in place (tape to go around windows and doors to keep out toxic air)

Month # 12: check your home for hazards

Please consider running the MYN (Map Your Neighborhood) training for you and your immediate neighbors (a total of 11 to 14 residences is perfect). Contact Judi Bailey (487-8608 or judi.bailey@cityofvancouver.us) for pamphlets, DVD, and additional information.

Bike Lane Paint Striping on McGillivray

The following is from an email from Vancouver staff person Ryan Miles who is managing this

summer's McGillivray resurfacing (further west) and restriping of the bike lane paint. I asked about getting the dashed lines before intersections;

The plan is to get those back in there this summer when we have other striping work done on McGillivray, which is scheduled for next month (September). The plan will be for our contractor to remove the striping first when they are out there removing striping further west then re-stripe when they re-stripe to the west a couple of weeks later, so that our contractor can do all the work on McGillivray at one time while they are in the area. Anyway, that is the plan of attack for now, but if something changes, the intent is still to get this done this year. Thank you.



Project Home Safe

Project Home Safe is a program by Vancouver Fire Dept. to prevent residential fires (which are 73% of all Vancouver fire calls). The top three causes of these fires are 1. cooking-caused fires, 2. candle-caused fires and 3.

cigarette-caused fires. Not that anybody intentionally forgets and leaves food cooking on the stove, nor has flammable materials within 12 inches of a candle, but these are primary sources of residential fires. Here's a home protection check-list:

- Street address and unit number visible to emergency responders.
- Only non-combustible candle holders used.
- Candles always extinguished before leaving the room.
- Electric generators never used inside the garage, only outdoors. (CO poisoning)
- Lighters and matches kept out of reach of children.
- Fireworks only used in the direct control and supervision of adults.
- Bathroom fan not slowing down due to dust build-up.
- No holes in walls or ceilings that could allow fire smoke to spread.
- Leftover fireworks not accessible to children.

The city website

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/fire/page/home-fire-prevention-checklist>) has other categories of things to check: heating, smoking, lighting, life-safety, outdoor fireplaces and barbecues, electrical and cooking.



VPD Offers Tips to Reduce Bike Theft

Vancouver Police have taken an increased number of stolen bike reports over the past two months. Bikes are being stolen from both public and residential properties, primarily in West Vancouver. The Vancouver Police Department is encouraging bike owners to implement

crime prevention to avoid becoming the victim of theft:

- Always lock up your bike whenever it's left unattended. Many bikes are stolen from residential property such as yards, porches and garages, from public property such as parks and schools, and from commercial property including store fronts. Leaving a bike for "just a minute" is enough of an invitation for a thief to steal it.
- Not all locks are created equal. Lightweight cable or chain locks are easily cut and offer little protection. Use a quality lock and secure the bike to something sturdy that cannot easily be broken or moved.
- Consider registering your bike. In the event the bike is stolen and later recovered by law enforcement, it can be returned. The Vancouver Police Department participates in the National Bike Registry. Bike owners and bicycle shops can learn more about registering a bike, as well as crime prevention tips at:

<http://www.nationalbikeregistry.com/>.

NEXT.DOOR website

CHNA is participating in the next.door website and we enthusiastically urge you to consider joining. [Homestead Acres has its own and separate account.] next.door now allows you to select whether or not you can see posts by nearby neighborhood members.

cascadehighlands.nextdoor.com/join/

Leaf Box Delivery

We're happy to report that we will again have a leaf-box dropped in our neighborhood for one weekend early in November and one weekend early in December. The location will be the same as last year. This is paid for by Vancouver Solid Waste.

Donating for Homestead Park Through the Foundation Website?

If you would like to donate towards the upkeep of Homestead Park or for the purchase of our fitness equipment through the Parks Foundation website, please enter the URL below and type in "Homestead Park Maintenance" in the notation box. That way you will receive a receipt from the foundation for the tax-deductible donation. The one negative to donating in this manner is that the credit card companies deduct their fee from your donation amount.

<http://www.parksfoundation.us/DonateNow.php>

You may also donate directly to the CHNA account, but you won't receive a tax deduction for your donation. You may contact treasurer Son Do for help with that.

Newsletter Distributors Needed

Do you enjoy reading this publication and enjoy taking a walk? If so, please consider volunteering to be a distributor. Our newsletter-distributor organizer, Erika Johnson, 260-9140, will be happy to offer you a route. At this time we need four routes covered; each route has about 35 houses. We also need subs for when a regular deliverer is temporarily unable to deliver to his/her a route. Thank you for volunteering!

Interested in Composting?

A compost bin needs four things: 1) food, 2) water, 3) air, and 4) warmth. Food consists of equal quantities of green material (grass, kitchen scraps, manure, coffee grounds) and brown material (dead leaves, twigs, paper. [You can add egg shells - they're considered neither green nor brown, but they do take a while to break down.]

Add water to the consistency of a damp sponge.

Smaller pieces of 'food' help increase the surface area and facilitate the decomposition process.

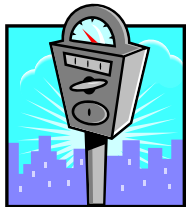
Turn/stir the materials to add air and distribute moisture.

If your bin has a strong odor you may have too much water or too much in the way of green materials.

If it dries out too fast, you can put a piece of plastic on top to keep the moisture inside.

Free Curbside Pickup of a Non-Working Major Appliance

As a single-family resident with garbage service you qualify for a once-per-year free pickup of a non-working appliance. Call Waste Connections at 892-5370 to schedule the pickup.



New Parking Service on Some Meters Downtown

You can now conduct certain parking transactions in certain locations by mobile phone. The

City of Vancouver is piloting a new parking payment service using Parkmobile USA for the next six months at approximately 100 on-street parking spaces in downtown Vancouver.

Starting Aug. 1, customers have the option of paying to park in these particular spaces using a mobile app, the Internet, or by calling a toll-free number. After setting up their Parkmobile account through mobile app or at www.parkmobile.com, customers can immediately start using the system. Parkmobile will also send customers alerts on their mobile phone 15 minutes before their parking meter expires. If they haven't already purchased the full time allowed at the meter, customers can also add time to their meter directly from their phones.

The City's parking rate will remain \$.50 an hour. Parkmobile will charge users an additional \$.35 for each mobile transaction. Parking customers will still be able to pay with coins, if they prefer.

The "20 minutes free" feature on the City's coin-operated meters will be automatically incorporated into the transaction. For example, at a 2-hour space, the customer will only pay for 1 hour, 40 minutes if s/he chooses to park for the full two hours.

The electronic read-out on the parking meters will still say "Expired" after using Parkmobile, but the City's parking enforcement officers will be able to see on their hand-held devices if the customer paid by using Parkmobile.

The parking meters included in the pilot are easy to spot; just look for the bright green Parkmobile stickers on the meter.

The Vancouver pilot program will run through February 1, 2015. For more information, please visit www.cityofvancouver.us/parking.

Air Quality Information for those with Wood or Pellet Stoves

by Rod Tinnemore, Wood Stove Coordinator, Air Quality Program, Washington State Department of Ecology

Winters in Washington often include periods of stagnant air. This means that wood smoke remains close to the ground, entering all the homes in your neighborhood and possibly adversely affecting health. Children and the elderly are especially susceptible to both heart and lung damage from wood smoke. This is why wood burning (including pellets) may be restricted during periods of air stagnation.

Monitoring the amount of smoke in the air and calling for winter burn bans is the job of your local air agency. The Southwest Clean Air Agency makes these calls for our area. You can reach them at [1-800-633-0709](tel:1-800-633-0709). Please visit their web site, <http://www.swcleanair.org/burnbans.html>, to receive email notices of burn bans or file an air quality complaint.

Stage 1 Burn Bans

No burning in uncertified wood stoves, or inserts, or fireplaces. No outdoor burning. EPA certified devices and pellet stoves are allowed.

Stage 2 Burn Bans

No wood burning allowed, including pellet stoves and EPA certified devices. No outdoor burning.

NOTE: Winter burn bans do not apply during power outages or to households without another source of adequate heat. Contact Southwest Clean Air Agency if you are uncertain about these conditions.

Pellet stoves

Pellet stoves generally produce less smoke than most wood stoves. Manufacturers will be required to test, certify and provide efficiency ratings for all new pellet stoves starting in 2015. Currently, pellet stoves vary greatly in efficiency.

Please note that there is not a standardized grading system for wood pellets so products that claim to be "premium" may not necessarily be of better quality or worth a higher cost. National grading standards for pellets will begin in 2015.

As with all mechanical devices, pellet stoves need regular and routine cleaning and maintenance in order to operate correctly.

Excessive smoke is not permitted from any wood or pellet burning device. Property damage claims resulting from incorrect operation of any type of wood burning device are not typically covered by insurance. Contact the manufacturer or retail dealers for information about maintenance and operation.

You can find additional information on wood burning devices on the Washington State Department of Ecology web site and on EPA's Burn Wise web site.

Contacts: For questions relating to burn bans, burn restrictions, local air regulations or air quality problems, contact:

Duane Johnson, Southwest Clean Air Agency, [800-633-0709](tel:800-633-0709) or [360-574-3058](tel:360-574-3058), Duane@swcleanair.org

For other questions about wood burning devices contact:

Rod Tinnemore, Washington State Department of Ecology, Air Quality, [360-407-6978](tel:360-407-6978), rod.tinnemore@ecy.wa.gov, or visit http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/indoor_woodsmoke/wood_smoke_page.htm



Mtn. View H.S. Has New Principal

Mountain View H.S. has a new principal this year, Mr. Matt Johnson. We met with the new-to-MVHS administrator just to get acquainted and say 'hi.' We hope there are no issues which develop in the future but it's always a positive to have the adults know each other.

Info on the Bronze Birch Borer

The presence of the bronze birch borer in the Portland metro area (which includes Vancouver) had been positively confirmed as of October 23, 2003. The bronze birch borer, *Agrilus anxius* Gory, is a small slender beetle that is slightly less than 1/2-inch in length. Its larva is a devastating pest of white-barked birches. The larval stage feeds just under the bark of birch trees. When this larval feeding girdles a branch or tree, the result is sudden wilting and, eventually, death to the tree.

This native North American insect occurs on birch from Newfoundland to British Columbia

and south to West Virginia, Ohio, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon and now Washington.

Initial damage is usually discovered when the top part of a birch tree suddenly wilts and dies. This happens when a larva girdles one of the upper branches. Careful examination of branches and the trunk usually reveals raised ridges or bumps, commonly referred to as "gouting" of the branches. These are ridges formed when a larval tunnel is closed in by callous tissue of the tree.

Often, D-shaped holes are found in the bark and these may be stained with rust colored sap. These holes are emergence-holes made by adult beetles.

Heavy attacks and continued reinfestation results in most of the branches dying from the top down. Eventually the trunk is girdled and the entire tree dies.

When birches are planted as an accent plant in sunny, dry urban lawns, they are rapidly attacked by this beetle. If you want to plant a birch tree, select shaded and semi-moist areas. Use the north and east sides of buildings. And water the trees regularly – slowly and deeply once a week.

Minutes from July Dessert Meeting

by CHNA Secretary Mark Johnson

1. Introduce board - Jean, Erika, Mark, Dan couldn't come, Son is touring the U.S., Judi Bailey from Office of Neighborhoods is subbing for our liaison Natasha Ramras, Jim Burgara, new NPO.
2. Rod Tinnemore; Wood Stove Coordinator, Air Quality Program, Washington State Department of Ecology - pellet stove heating units ([253-202-6427](tel:253-202-6427)). Rod was unable to come to the meeting, but sent information on pellet and wood stoves available in hard copy or email (also in this newsletter).
3. Maureen Humbert - Maureen spoke about the brown marmorated stink bugs that are causing so much trouble in our gardens. Maureen noted that these bugs can lay waste to a yard and that there are no known predators. She also noted that the adults start coming out in August. Finally, she recommended the WSU Extension Clark County Master Gardener program as a great source of "fun, great information" (brochures were available after the meeting).

4. Terry Snyder - Landscape Architect Vancouver Parks & Recreation Department. Terry gave a presentation regarding the fitness equipment grant award and equipment choices. He noted that CHNA had applied for \$35,000 of improvements. Due to the level of competition, CHNA was awarded \$10,000 as a start (with no required match of funds from CHNA). Terry then put out displays of information about the different types of adult fitness equipment that CHNA could choose from (and neighbors in attendance were encouraged to vote by putting prioritized stickers on the displays).

5. CHNA Sparkler Award Recognition - Mark Crawford

6. Erika Johnson - tree planting information. Erika noted that 318 trees have been planted since 2003.

The next planting is Saturday, November 15, 2014. The sign-up deadline is Monday, October 13 (somewhat flexible) and the order deadline is Monday, October 27 (also flexible). Erika noted those interested should go to friendsoftrees.org to sign-up.

Erika also noted that Bronze Birch Borer beetles have destroyed several birches in the neighborhood.

7. Jim Burgara, our new NPO (Neighborhood Police Officer) introduced himself and answered questions. Jim has spent 31 years in the East Precinct (and likes it). He noted that if people in the park are seen drinking, that's a 911 call (there is no non-emergency number in Vancouver, so all calls filter through 911). Jim also talked about the NOW program (*Neighbors on Watch* - volunteers helping the police). He also requested that if you see a car prowl or vandalism to be sure to report it. He also recommended neighbors get on Nextdoor.com (he noted that the Police will be on there in a few weeks). Jim said the best way to reach him is email (Jim.Burgara@cityofvancouver.us), but he can also be reached by phone (772-2567).

8. Garbage Can at 15 St. Pass through - Don Stewart has maintained the can, but it was noted that over the years it's been set on fire two times. The neighbors in attendance voted to keep the can. It was also noted that we used to have lights at the Pass-through, but they either broke, were stolen, or didn't work correctly.

9. Bank Balance - \$3,530.97.

10. LeeAnn O'Neil - Community Coordinator, New Seasons Market-Fisher's Landing. LeeAnn noted that there were free wellness classes (a booklet was passed around), as well as live music on First Thursdays and an upcoming bike fair. She also noted there is wine-tasting and cheese-tasting every Friday and a dog wash in August to raise donations for DOGPAW (the organization which maintains the dog parks in this area).

11. Cleanup Signups and Info. Jean reminded people to bring metal, as we will sort it at the cleanup and give CHNA the money. Jean also passed around a volunteer sign-up list for greeters, recyclers, drivers and other volunteer positions.

12. Misc.

a. Thanks for Bob and Charlotte Mason for use of their electricity for the meeting (for the sound system).

b. Recyclingest Neighborhood Training Information

c. Susan's neighborhood-maintenance finds

13. Areas of Interest and/or Concern

Master Composters will be starting a new class soon.

A neighbor noted that a squirrel had been building a big nest of white stuffing (maybe from padded lawn furniture, so you might want to check yours to see if it's intact). There was also a request to not feed the squirrels peanuts.

There was also a request for additional distributors to help deliver neighborhood newsletters (and a sign-up sheet). Those interested can contact Erika Johnson (260-9140).

The City of Vancouver supports the Neighborhood Associations in their effort to share vital information with residents to create a more informed public. However, the information provided and the opinions and views expressed in Neighborhood Association newsletters or other documents, do not necessarily represent the position of the City of Vancouver, nor does the City determine whether the information published is accurate or appropriate.

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Composting

Master Composter/Recycler Training and Workshops

Compost is rich in nutrients that help plants to grow, acts to retain soil moisture and can help suppress plant disease. Using compost is good for your soil and can reduce the need to irrigate your garden or use toxic herbicides or pesticides. It's easy to turn your yard debris and kitchen scraps into compost. Just as in nature, leaves and plant debris feed and enrich the soil, you can recycle the food scraps from your kitchen and yard debris back into your soil.



Learn how by attending a Free Backyard Composting Workshop, or Wormshop (\$35 materials fee). The Master Composter/Recycler Program is a volunteer-based community program whose mission is to educate the community about recycling and help keep recyclable materials out of the waste-stream.

Compost bins are for sale at Columbia Springs; the FreeGarden brand compost bin is \$55 and the Seattle Composter is \$65.

To purchase a compost bin, find out more about the Master Composter/Recycler Program, or register for a class: call 360-882-0936, ext. 224, or e-mail MCR@columbiasprings.org

Their website is www.columbiasprings.org/MCR

Composting Workshops

Learn the basics of backyard composting.

Pre-registration is required.

Time	Date	Class
10 a.m. - noon	Sat. Sept 6	Backyard Composting
6:30 - 8 p.m.	Tues. Sept 23	Backyard Composting

Wormshops

Participants will learn about the care and feeding of redworms for vermicomposting. Family Wormshop participants assemble their own worm bin to take home. (\$35 includes the cost of the workshop, bin and worms.) These workshops are family friendly. Pre-registration is required.

Time	Date	Class
10 a.m. - noon	Sat. Oct 4	Family Wormshop (\$35)
6:30 - 8 p.m.	Thurs. Oct 23	Vermicomposting (\$35)

Free Leaf Disposal

For Vancouver and Clark County residents only

Prevent street flooding — NEVER blow or place leaves in the street.
Use this coupon for free leaf disposal from:

October 1 - December 20, 2014

2014 Coupon Disposal Locations:

City Bark, H & H Wood Recyclers and West Van Materials Recovery Center

Please see reverse for hours and addresses.



Coupons must be presented at the drop-off site and are for **LEAVES ONLY**, up to 5 cubic yards. Yard debris or mixed loads will be charged at regular prices. Leaves must be emptied from plastic bags.

Sponsored by:



To redeem coupon, complete the following information:

Name: _____

Street Address/Zip: _____



City of Vancouver residents: Funding for your participation in this program is provided through your garbage rates.
Clark County residents: Funding for participation is provided by Clark County Public Works and Environmental Services.

Free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal

Bring unwanted hazardous products to a HHW collection facility or event.

Clark County residents may dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste products at one of the following county sponsored HHW collection facilities or events. Seniors and persons with disabilities who are unable to transport material to a HHW facility or event can call 360-397-2121, ext. 4352 to see if they are eligible for free pickup. Business-generated hazardous waste will not be accepted.

Central Transfer and Recycling Center

360-256-8482
11034 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

West Van Materials Recovery Center

360-737-1727
6601 NW Old Lower River Road, Vancouver
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday & Saturday

Washougal Transfer Station

360-835-2500
4020 S. Grant, Washougal
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Third Saturday

Mobile Collection Events

Call Clark County Environmental Services
360-397-2121, ext. 4352
for collection event schedules.
Coupon Not Required / No Expiration Date

FREE, FALL RECYCLING DAY EVENTS

Accepted Items: A/C units, batteries, block foam, e-waste, freezers and refrigerators, household hazardous waste, scrap metal, shredding, tires and woody yard debris.

- **Vancouver:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13
Clark College, Red Lot 3, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way
Shredding: Purple Lot 1, 1800 Fort Vancouver Way
- **Hazel Dell:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20
99th St Transit Center, 9700 NE 7th Avenue
- **Battle Ground:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4
Battle Ground High School parking lot
300 NW 3rd Way (enter off of N Parkway Ave)

UNWANTED MEDICATION COLLECTION EVENTS

Visit RXReturnClarkCounty.org for more details on the safe disposal of unwanted medications or attend one of these four free, collection events.

Four Locations: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27

- Clark College, Purple Lot 1, 1800 Fort Vancouver Way
- Kaiser Permanente, Cascade Park, 12607 SE Mill Plain Boulevard
- Kaiser Permanente, Salmon Creek, 14406 NE 20th Ave
- Battle Ground Police Department, 507 SW 1st Street

For additional information, please call:
360-397-2121, ext. 4352.

City Bark

2419 NE Andresen, 360-253-8461
Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday (in Oct)
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (in Nov/Dec)
Closed Thanksgiving and every Sunday

H&H Wood Recyclers, Inc.

8401 NE 117th Avenue, 360-892-2805
Hours: 7 am to 6 pm Monday-Saturday (in Oct)
8 am to 5 pm Monday-Saturday (in Nov/Dec)
9 am to 4 pm Sunday (all months)
Closed Thanksgiving



West Van Materials Recovery Center

6601 NW Old Lower River Road, 360-737-1727
Hours: 6 am to 6 pm Monday-Friday
8 am to 4 pm Saturday
Closed Sunday
Closed Thanksgiving



2014 Disposal Locations

Addresses and Hours for Leaf Coupon Use