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Tips For Green Schools: Water Conservation (part 1)

Work with your custodian to sweep or blow dirt from paved areas instead of using a pressure washer.

Check that your school has faucet aerators throughout the school.

Test all toilets for leaks.

Verify that your kitchen does not use a garbage disposal.

Mark the storm drains at your schools and/or neighborhood to remind people not to dump motor oil or other waste.

Keep the garbage dumpsters clean and away from storm drains.

Green Schools News January 2013

Dear Cathy,

Happy New Year! We wish for all our Green Schools a productive and ecological new year, full of green projects and learning.

The OGSA 2013 Summit School Registration is open as of Monday, January 7th, and will close when we have reached capacity. That sometimes happens within a week - so please, put this on your calendar and be ready to register online at our website! See below for more information on registering.

As always, we welcome any feedback you have that will help the board achieve the Oregon Green Schools mission and provide support to our member schools. Email us at: mail@oregongreenschools.org.

Register for the 2013 Summit

The time to register has arrived! Currently certified Green, Merit and Premier schools can register for our 2013 Summit, to



If your school does car washes as a fundraiser, take steps to prevent waste-water from entering storm drains.

Set up the irrigation system to automatically avoid watering on wet days.

Water early in the morning to avoid evaporation in the heat of the day.

Avoid watering when it is windy.

Regularly sweep school parking lots to avoid excessive debris in the storm drains.

Plant native plants throughout school grounds.

Install low-flow shower heads in locker rooms.

be held March 1st, at Portland Lutheran School near Gresham.

This event will be fun and educational - you won't want to miss it! We have many of our usual hands-on sessions, like worm bins, paper making and recycled art, as well as sessions on watershed restoration, bugs and computer recycling. High schoolers will be taking a field trip, and an edu-tainment program finishes off the day for elementary and middle schoolers. You'll have a chance to display what your school has been doing, and to see what others schools have done.



You will find the active link to register [here](#). As usual, you may request sponsorship in the form of a day's staff pay (for the adult accompanying the student) and mileage. PLEASE have your sponsorship request details ready when you sign up - we won't accept after-the-fact requests for sponsorship. Details required: exact cost of day's staff (available through your district), cost of mileage (please use MapQuest and calculate .50/mi, roundtrip), and where the check is to be sent (two weeks after the event). Sponsorships are granted by your haulers, and we need sufficient time to ask them for this generous gift.

Schools that register successfully will receive further information about the Summit in early February, including details of the schedule and what to bring. This will be a bring your own waste-free lunch event.

Remember, you must also be certified on March 1st, so check your expiration date.

School Resources

Disney Friends for Change

Have an idea for a youth-led service project? Apply for a Disney Friends for Change grant. This program offers young people

across the U.S. the chance to make lasting, positive change in the world, awarding \$1,000 grants for youth-led service projects that demonstrate youth leadership, creativity, and a commitment to making a positive impact on the community. Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant. Applications are open through February 10. For more information, visit www.YSA.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants

School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training

Portland Metro: Open Enrollment: [Register Now](#) for GROWINGGARDENS' School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training Dates: Saturdays 9am-4pm, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and March 2nd. Optional training module on Portland Public Schools garden polices Tuesday February 12th, 5:30-7:30pm Cost: \$315 Includes training, refreshments, resource binder and books. 3 graduate credits through Portland State University Graduate School of Education, additional tuition of \$165.

4-H School Gardens Training Program

Portland Metro: Teacher and 4-H Volunteer Training for new and returning 4-H School Programs January 25-27, 2012, 4H Clubhouse at Alpenrose Dairy (Portland, OR) REGISTRATION FEES: \$115-\$155 for the 3-day training Two OSU Professional graduate credits also available. For more information, [click here](#).

News of Our Green Schools

The REALMS school in the Bend area, working toward becoming a Green School, had their waste audit made the Z 21 news.

<http://www.ktvz.com/news/Bend-middle-schoolers-cut-waste-to-size/-/413192/17396312/-/lu9ic6z/-/index.html>

News Around the Country

This might be an inspiration to enterprising students: a young man in Traverse City Michigan who picks up scraps on his bike to compost:

<http://carterscompost.com/how-does-it-work/>

Meet the Oregon Green School Board

We are introducing our board members, then will feature regional coordinators.

Laurel Bates



Before moving to Portland in 2007, I spent several years teaching English in Germany and then teaching German in the United States (*Sprechen Sie Deutech?*). Since moving to Portland, I have had the opportunity to work with education and environmental sustainability, both passions of mine. I am now Waste Reduction Education Coordinator with the Clackamas County Refuse and Recycling Association and the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability, providing waste reduction assistance to schools.

I have been the Clackamas County regional coordinator for Oregon Green Schools since September of 2011, and a recent member of the board. I have been involved in some exciting projects for OGSA in recent months, including a re-drafting of our mission statement and an update of our application materials. I look forward to working with my fellow board

members and regional coordinators on many projects to come.

Working with Oregon Green Schools has been a wonderful experience. As a former classroom teacher, I especially enjoy assisting students and teachers as they work towards their green school certification.

Oregon Green Schools is a nonprofit organization that was formed in 1997. Oregon Green

Schools is dedicated to helping Oregon Schools set up and maintain effective, permanent waste reduction and resource efficiency programs that improve school environments and communities, and recognizing schools for their efforts and achievements.

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