



Portland Metropolitan Area

Field Trip and Resource Guide

2013-14 Guide to
Recycling Facilities and
Gardening Organizations



Field Trip Guide

This guide lists businesses and organizations that are interested in hosting school groups for tours of their facilities. **Contact the organizations directly to arrange your tour.**

The guide is produced by Metro's Waste Reduction Education Program, which provides curriculum materials and presentations about waste reduction issues to metro-area K-12 schools.

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Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

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Southeast Portland

Free Geek

Tour a nonprofit organization that recycles used technology and provides free computers, education and access to the Internet in exchange for community service.

Mailing address: 1731 SE 10th Ave., Portland, OR 97214
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: info@freegeek.org
Length of tour: 30 to 60 minutes
Maximum number: 20 students (up to 40 by special arrangement)
Appropriate age: First grade and older
Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday
Advance notice: Two weeks minimum
Limitations: One adult per four children is required.
Web site: www.freegeek.org

Green Depot

Tour a unique retail store selling recycled, low-toxic and natural materials. See applications within the store that demonstrate how recycled materials can be used.

Mailing address: 819 SE Taylor St., Portland, OR 97214
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Patrick Rutledge, (503) 222-3881 ext 223; prutledge@greendepot.com
Length of tour: 45 to 60 minutes
Maximum number: 30 students
Appropriate age: Sixth grade and older
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (Special arrangements can be made for afterhours gatherings and tours.)
Advance notice: Two weeks
Limitations: Close supervision is required.
Web site: www.greendepot.com

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Making a Difference in Our Community

The Portland Habitat ReStore is open to the public and sells a variety of new and used quality building and home improvement products at a fraction of retail prices. Proceeds from our sales help Habitat for Humanity build homes in our local community while diverting reusable materials from the waste stream. We would love to share our work with you, please bring your group in for a tour!

Mailing address: 10445 SE Cherry Blossom Dr., Portland, OR 97216
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Malia Tam Sing (volunteer coordinator), (503) 283-6247 ext. 3; malia@pdxrestore.org
Length of tour: 25 minutes
Maximum number: 20 students
Appropriate age: Sixth grade and older
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday
Advance notice: Three weeks
Limitations: Close supervision is required. One adult per five or six students.
Web site: www.pdxrestore.org

**Hippo
Hardware**

Tour a retail store full of reclaimed, antique and new hardware, lighting and plumbing fixtures and house parts. Three floors of fun. Featured prominently in many major movies.

Mailing address: 1040 E. Burnside, Portland, OR 97214
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: One of the Steves, (503) 231-1444; hippohardware@gmail.com
Length of tour: 30 minutes; varies with the number of questions
Maximum number: No limit; large classes can be accommodated in shifts
Appropriate age: Fourth grade and older
Hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Advance notice: One week
Limitations: Close supervision and behavior appropriate for a place of business is required. Bring your sense of humor and come prepared to have fun! (Tour guide open to bribes of chocolate chip cookies.)
Web site: www.hippohardware.com

**Leach
Botanical
Garden**

Leach Botanical Garden is the historical estate of pharmacist John Leach and botanist Lilla Leach. The sixteen-acre garden includes a wide variety of native and exotic plants, a section of Johnson Creek, Historic Manor House and a compost demonstration site. Guided tours and special garden-related topics are also offered. The garden is open six days a week to the public. School field trips can be coordinated through Leach Garden's Education Coordinator.

Field trip site: 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97290
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday
General information: (503) 823-9503; www.leachgarden.org
For school tours, contact: Education Coordinator, (503) 823-1671

Zenger Farm

The Friends of Zenger Farm Education Program provides educational field trips for grades K-12 as well as adults. These hands-on programs teach participants about farming and food systems, the impact of their food choices, and the relationship between farming, wetland ecology and environmental stewardship.

Individuals and groups smaller than 10 are welcome to visit during our scheduled drop-in visit times listed below. Groups larger than 10 are asked to schedule a visit.

Fridays: From March through November, we are open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for drop-in visiting and volunteering. Join the work party or take a self-guided tour. Guided tours offered at 4 p.m.

Weekends: Closed to the public except for workshops, events and monthly Farm Days which include drop-in visiting, self-guided tours and a work party. Please check www.zengerfarm.org for more information on weekend Farm Days.

Mailing address: 11741 SE Foster Rd., Portland, OR 97266
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Alice Froehlich, (503) 282-4245; alice@zengerfarm.org
Length of tour (program): 90 minutes to 3 hours
Maximum number: 60-100, depending on age
Appropriate age: Appropriate for any age
Hours: Tours are offered Tuesday through Friday.
Advance notice: Two to three months ahead, depending on the time of year
Limitations: Dress for the weather; field trips will be outside. Dress to get dirty and wear closed-toe shoes; we will be on the farm. Limited wheelchair accessibility.
Web site: www.zengerfarm.org

North and Northeast Portland

Columbia Blvd. Wastewater Treatment Plant

Tour the largest secondary treatment plant in Oregon. Walk through the process of wastewater treatment and see how the used water from our community is recycled back into the ecosystem.

Mailing address: 5001 N. Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97203-2098
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Mike Stebbins, (503) 823-2653 or Front desk, (503) 823-2400
Length of tour: 90 minutes
Maximum number: Up to 45 students
Appropriate age: Fifth grade and older
Hours: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (prefer **not** to start tours after 1:30 p.m.; starting a tour at 7 a.m. is fine).
Advance notice: One week - by appointment only.
Limitations: One adult for every eight to ten students is required.
Web site: www.cleanrivers-pdx.org

Community Cycling Center

The Community Cycling Center, founded in 1994, broadens access to bicycling and its benefits through our hands-on programs, volunteer projects and neighborhood bike shop. We believe the bicycle is a tool for empowerment and a vehicle for change. Reuse rules at the Community Cycling Center! With the help of our shop staff and volunteers we attempt to put every donated bike back into use through our programs and retail shop. Even materials that we cannot put into direct transportation reuse are redirected and recycled through a variety of partnerships and programs.

Mailing address: 3934 NE MLK Blvd., Suite 202, Portland, OR 97212
Field trip site: 1700 NE Alberta St., Portland, OR 97211
Contact: Randi Orth, Volunteer Coordinator, (503) 288-8864
Length of tour: 20-30 minutes
Maximum number: 20 students; one chaperone per ten students, please.
Appropriate age: Any
Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday
Advance notice: Six weeks
Limitations: Scheduled as space and staff are available. Please, no open-toe shoes.
Web site: www.CommunityCyclingCenter.org

Metro Latex Paint Recycling Facility

Tour the facility to see where and how latex paint is recycled, processed, stored and retailed. The store also sells compost bins year-round.

Mailing address: 4825 N. Basin Ave., Portland, OR 97217
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Andrew Staab, (503) 289-0047; andrew.staab@oregonmetro.gov
Length of tour: 30 to 60 minutes
Maximum number: 20 students (or break 40 students into two tours)
Appropriate age: Third grade and older
Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday but best tour times are 10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.
Advance notice: Three days
Limitations: Close supervision of children is required due to machinery in use.
No sandals; wear sturdy shoes. Clothing may get dirty or get wet paint on it. For that reason, we advise wearing old or unimportant clothing.

Oregon Food Bank

Oregon Food Bank works to eliminate hunger and its root causes . . . *because no one should be hungry*. OFB collects and distributes food to people in need through a cooperative, statewide network of partner agencies and programs. OFB distributes food to 20 regional food banks which, in turn, distribute food to more than 900 local agencies and programs, such as food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and more. Students can volunteer by repacking and sorting through food donations in our Volunteer Action Center. During each volunteer shift, groups have the opportunity to take a tour of the warehouse, learn about hunger and hear about other ways they can help OFB fight hunger in our community. K-12 School Group Volunteer shifts are 2 hours in length.

Mailing address: PO Box 55370, Portland, OR 97238
Field trip sites: NE Portland: 7900 NE 33rd Dr.
Beaverton: 1870 NW 173rd Dr.
Sign up for shifts: www.oregonfoodbank.org/volunteer
Contact: Lindsay Duvall, (503) 972-2993; Prefer email: volunteer@oregonfoodbank.org
Length of tour: 30 to 45 minutes
Maximum number: Varies by shift, up to 60; chaperone requirements varies by age
Appropriate age: 6 and older for most shifts
Hours: Advance registration required. Shifts are weekday mornings during school.
Advance notice: Scheduling begins on our website in mid-August and most spaces for the year are full by October.

ReBuilding Center

The ReBuilding Center carries the region's largest and most diverse inventory of used and salvaged building and remodeling materials. Both their building and program operation offer a regional example of reuse, green building and sustainability. Tours can include a talk about their social enterprise model and/or the sustainable aspects of the building. Also included in the tour: information about DeConstruction Services, a sustainable alternative to conventional demolition, ReFind Furniture and learning to build and create from reclaimed materials.

Mailing address: 3625 N. Mississippi Ave., Portland, OR 97227
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Office Administrator Ambassador, (503) 542-5054; info@ourunitedvillages.org or info@rebuildingcenter.org
Length of tour: 30 minutes to 1 hour
Maximum number: 25 students
Appropriate age: 4 and older
Warehouse hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 10am-5pm Sunday; Tours available 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; week ends by special arrangement
Advance notice: One week
Limitations: There is no heat or air-conditioning provided. Please dress appropriately for the weather outside. Please wear flat, closed-toe shoes and long pants if possible.
Web site: www.rebuildingcenter.org

**SCRAP
(School and
Community
Reuse Action
Project)**

SCRAP is a creative reuse program and wonderland of inexpensive arts and crafts materials. We divert 103 tons of materials from the landfill each year and make them available to the community in our creative reuse center. We host field trips, workshops and educational opportunities for people of all ages.

Mailing address: 2915 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97212
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: (503) 294-0769 ext. 5; education@scrappdx.org
Length of tour: 2 hours (includes tour, activity, creative reuse project to take home, materials for your classroom or space and educational information)
Maximum number: 30 students (fewer for preschool)
Appropriate age: Preschool and older
Hours: Please contact us for scheduling.
Advance notice: Two weeks
Limitations: The sky is the limit, so bring your imagination! Cost is \$6.00 per student.
Web site: www.scrappdx.org

Northwest and Southwest Portland

Metro Central Household Hazardous Waste Facility	<p>Tour the facility to see where and how hazardous household materials are recycled, processed and stored.</p> <p>Mailing address: 6161 NW 61st Ave., Portland, OR 97210 Field trip site: Same as above Contact: Debbie Humphrey or Kari Meyer, (503) 223-8133; Debbie.Humphrey@oregonmetro.gov, Kari.Meyer@oregonmetro.gov</p> <p>Length of tour: 30 minutes Maximum number: 30 students Appropriate age: Third grade and older Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday Advance notice: Two weeks Limitations: Close supervision of children is required due to machinery in use and traffic moving in and out of facility. Please wear closed-toe shoes. Visitors may be asked to wear safety gear such as vests, safety glasses or hard hats. Web site: www.oregonmetro.gov</p>
Metro Central Transfer Station	<p>Tour of garbage-transfer loading operation. Watch the arrival of garbage trucks and see the sorting process.</p> <p>Mailing address: 6161 NW 61st Ave., Portland, OR 97210 Field trip site: Same as above Contact: Recology Oregon Recovery: James Waterman, (503) 226-6161; jwaterman@recology.com</p> <p>Length of tour: 60 minutes (plus 30 min. if groups also want to tour the hazardous waste facility) Maximum number: 30 students Appropriate age: Fourth grade and older Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday Advance notice: One week</p>

Gresham, Troutdale and Fairview

Blue Lake Natural Discovery Garden

The garden is loaded with many plants to see, smell and touch. Many of them are native to the region, like huckleberry and coastal strawberry. Others include non-invasive exotics like chocolate cosmos and pineapple sage. All of the plants were selected to require little, if any, water, fertilizers and pesticides. The garden also features a compost exploration area, a digging area and a worm bin. In addition, two rain gardens capture water from the roof of a log gazebo to prevent pollution in our storm drain system and local rivers. The gazebo provides seating and shade. Large boulders and logs offer fun climbing opportunities for kids.

Field trip site: Blue Lake Regional Park is located between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off Northeast 223rd Avenue in the city of Fairview. The Natural Discovery Garden is in the park next to the Water Spray Ground.

Contact: Metro Recycling Information, (503) 234-3000

Hours: The garden is open year-round, but is most interesting May through October. Park is open from 8 a.m. to legal sunset.

Tours: Self guided; no additional charge after park entrance fee: \$5 per car, \$7 per bus or free with your annual pass

Columbia Slough Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility

As rain hits buildings, parking lots, streets, and lawns, it collects pesticides, fertilizers, gasoline, oil and heavy metals and ultimately dumps this chemical soup into our streams. There's no treatment to remove these pollutants – but that's what this site does. Interpretive panels provide a 45-minute self-guided tour, telling how this restored parcel of land not only cleans our water, but provides food and homes for native wildlife. School groups can check out a backpack of educational materials (available at the wastewater treatment plant) that provide activities such as a scavenger hunt as well as binoculars and magnifying glasses. The materials target students in fourth through sixth grade but some have been adapted for high school students. To see examples of the materials, please visit our web site.

Field trip site: 19487 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97230

Contact: Gresham Wastewater Treatment Plant, 503-618-3450, weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m

Length of tour: 60 minutes

Maximum number: n/a

Appropriate age: All ages. Educational materials target 4th-6th grade.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday (to reserve gate key and backpacks)

Advance notice: Two weeks

Access: Site is open to the public during daylight hours (walk in only). For drive in parking access, reserve at Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Limitations: A large portion of the trail is suitable for wheelchairs.

Web site: www.GreshamOregon.gov/environmentalservices

**Gresham
Wastewater
Treatment
Plant**

Ever wonder where the water goes after you do the dishes or flush the toilet? And what happens to all the “stuff” in the water? Find out when you tour Gresham’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, where you will see how the wastewater is treated before it is released into the Columbia River. You will also learn how this plant is using alternative forms of energy to meet its goal of 100% sustainability. “We are about 80% sustainable now - clearly on the path to 100% sustainability by next year.” Guided tours are provided along with interpretive panels that also guide visitors through the treatment process. Educational tour booklets are available for children, primarily for students in grades 2 through 5. To see examples of the materials and interpretive panels, please visit our web site. We also offer a self-guided tour at the Columbia Slough Regional Stormwater Treatment Facility and encourage you to consider combining both site tours into one field trip.

Mailing address: 20015 NE Sandy Blvd., Gresham, OR 97230
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Paul Proctor, (503) 618-3450
Length of tour: 45-60 minutes
Maximum number: 30 students
Appropriate age: All ages
Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday
Advance notice: 2 weeks
Limitations: 1 adult for each 5-10 children
Web site: www.GreshamOregon.gov/wastewater

Milwaukie, Oregon City, West Linn and Lake Oswego

Children's Garden at Luscher Farm

Take a trip to Lake Oswego's Historic Luscher Farm and learn about farm ecology. We offer tours to preschool and elementary school students from mid-September through November 1st and from mid-April through June 1st. The tour incorporates hands-on activities and sensory explorations in the areas of organic gardening, vermiculture, chicken anatomy, plant parts and pollinators. The cost per child is \$4.50 payable one week in advance. Chaperones are required at the ratio of one adult per five students. Come enjoy the beauty of Luscher Farm!

Mailing address: PO Box 369, Lake Oswego, OR 97034
Field trip site: Historic Luscher Farm, 125 Rosemont Rd., West Linn, OR 97068
Contact: Children's Garden Coordinator, (503) 534-5284; childrensgarden@ci.oswego.or.us
Length of tour: 1.5 hours for elementary, 45 minutes for preschool
Maximum number: 50 elementary students; 25 preschool students
Appropriate age: Three to five years old and first through sixth grade
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays preferred
Advance notice: One month or more
Limitations: Field trips take place rain or shine! Bring raincoats and wear boots or sturdy shoes.
Web site: <http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/luscher>

John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center

The John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center (ELC), originally created from an abandoned jam cannery, is a five-acre site located on the Clackamas Community College campus. The ELC provides a shared space for wildlife habitat and environmental education for children, families and adults. ELC offers field trip and classroom programs to schools and community groups.

Mailing address: 19600 S. Molalla Ave., Oregon City, OR 97045
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Alison Heimowitz, (503) 594-3696; alisonh@clackamas.edu
Length of tour: Varies, depending on program
Maximum number: 30 students per class. With special arrangements two classrooms can be accommodated on site at one time.
Appropriate age: Preschool through sixth grade
Hours: Call for availability.
Advance notice: One week
Limitations: Programs range in cost (\$100-\$120 per class). Please provide one adult for every five students. FREE self-guided tours are available daily between dawn and dusk.
Web site: <http://depts.clackamas.cc.or.us/elc/>

**McFarlane's
Bark Inc.**

A tour in three parts: Recycling of yard debris and wood products, the composting process and compost products.

Mailing address: 13345 SE Johnson Rd., Milwaukie, OR 97222
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Kathleen McFarlane White, (503) 659-4240
Length of tour: 30 to 60 minutes, depending on number of people on tour
Maximum number: Depends on how many fit in vehicle, including Kathleen; school bus is okay
Appropriate age: Third grade and older
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week
Advance notice: Two weeks
Limitations: Students will remain in automobile or bus for the entire tour and Kathleen will join students in vehicle. Only one vehicle per tour.
Web site: www.mcfarlanesbark.com

**Metro South
Household
Hazardous
Waste
Facility**

Tour the facility to see where and how hazardous household materials are recycled, processed and stored.

Mailing address: 2001 Washington St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Denise Hays, (503) 655-0330 or (503) 655-0480; denise.hays@oregonmetro.gov
Length of tour: Approximately 20 minutes
Maximum number: 20 students (or break 40 students into two tours)
Appropriate age: Third grade and older
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday
Advance notice: Two weeks
Limitations: Close supervision of children is required due to machinery in use and traffic moving in and out of facility. No sandals; wear sturdy shoes.

**Metro South
Transfer
Station**

Tour of garbage-transfer loading operation. Watch the arrival of garbage trucks, processing and reloading of waste destined for the landfill and see the materials recovery and sorting process. Learn about proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

Mailing address: 2001 Washington St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Blaine Colvin, (503) 722-4656 ext. 233; bcolvin@republicservices.com or Mike Carney, (503) 722-4656 ext. 271
Length of tour: 20 to 30 minutes
Maximum number: 30 students
Appropriate age: First grade and older
Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (weekends by special arrangement)
Advance notice: Two weeks
Limitations: Close supervision is required. Shoes (no sandals) and long pants required; dress for weather.
Web site: www.oregonmetro.gov

Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Tigard

Forest Grove Transfer Station

See how mixed solid waste is disposed of and then transported to a local landfill. Observe large trucks dumping residential and commercial trash into large trailers.

Mailing address: 1525 B St., Forest Grove 97116-2752
 Field trip site: Same as above
 Contact: Dave Brist, (503) 992-3021; dbrist@wm.com
 Length of tour: 30 minutes
 Maximum number: 30 students
 Appropriate age: Kindergarten and older
 Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday
 Advance notice: Two weeks

Hillsboro Landfill

Tour includes up-close viewing of landfill operations, Hillsboro Landfill wetland area and Tualitan Valley Waste Recovery.

Mailing address: 3205 SE Minter Bridge Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97123
 Field trip site: Same as above
 Contact: Hillsboro Landfill, (503) 640-9427
 Length of tour: 60 to 90 minutes
 Maximum number: School-bus capacity, one at a time
 Appropriate age: Third grade and older
 Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
 Advance notice: Please see web site for tour dates:
<http://www.wmnorthwest.com/landfill/landfillcities/hillsboro.html>
 Limitations: Students will remain on school bus for the entire tour, although smaller groups and older children might be allowed off the bus. Closed-toe shoes required and seasonal limitations apply.

Nature's Needs

Nature's Needs hosts commercial composting facility tours. Learn about large-scale organic composting programs. Find more information about the Nature's Needs composting program at www.gocomposting.com.

Mailing address: PO Box 1535, North Plains, OR 97133
 Field trip site: 9570 NW 307th Ave., North Plains, OR 97133
 Contact: Jessica Campuzano, jcampuzano@recology.com, (503) 647-9489
 Length of tour: on average, 1 hour
 Maximum number: 30 students
 Appropriate age: Fourth grade and older
 Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (negotiable); Monday through Friday
 Advance notice: Two weeks
 Limitations: Wear appropriate footwear: no open-toed shoes/sandles/flip-flops
 Web site: www.gocomposting.com, www.naturesneeds.com

**S & H Landscape
Supplies &
Recycling -
Cornelius**

Tour a facility that composts various organic materials and processes curbside recycling materials.

Mailing address: 1045 N. Fourth Ave., Cornelius, OR 97113
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Rod Cook, (503) 357-6090; rod@shbark.com
Length of tour: 45 to 60 minutes
Maximum number: 30 students
Appropriate age: First through fifth grade
Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday
Advance notice: Two weeks
Web site: www.shbark.com

**Rice Northwest
Museum of Rocks
and
Minerals**

Rocks and minerals are an important part of the earth we share as well as the environment and economy we enjoy. Learn about the raw materials we use to make things, and why it's important to conserve them. This is one of the top mineral museums in the country with great visuals and hands-on materials.

Early scheduling is highly recommended for school tours.

Mailing address: 26385 NW Groveland Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Melena Wallace or Catie Witherspoon, (503) 647-2418;
info@ricenorthwestmuseum.org
Length of tour: 2 to 3 hours (3 hours includes lunch break)
Maximum number: 120 people
Appropriate age: Great for all ages!
Tour hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday
Museum hours: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday
Advance notice: Group tours are by appointment
Limitations: Hosted tour rate discount:
Groups of 30 or less: flat rate of \$150
Groups of 31 or more: Teachers - free; other adults, \$4.50; students, \$3.50
Web site: www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org

Sherwood and Wilsonville

Grimm's Fuel Co.

Tour yard debris recycling facility with discussion and observation of plant materials being ground up, sorted by size and made into compost material. See how fuel is made from wood waste.

Mailing address: 18850 SW Cipole Rd., Tualatin, OR 97062
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Mike McNealy, (503) 692-3756, or Jeff Grimm, (503) 636-3623
Length of tour: 45 to 60 minutes
Maximum number: 60 students
Appropriate age: Third grade and older
Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday
Advance notice: Two weeks
Limitations: Students under high school age will remain on school bus for the entire tour. Small groups (5-10) of high school age and older visitors will be able to tour the facility by foot. If so, dress appropriately for the weather. No open-toe shoes. Please provide one adult for every ten students.
Web site: www.grimmsfuel.com

Willamette Resources, Inc.

Tour recycling center and learn how recyclable materials are prepared for sale to markets.

Mailing address: 10295 SW Ridder Rd., Wilsonville, OR 97070
Field trip site: Same as above
Contact: Armando Arellano, (503) 570-0626; armando.arellano@republicservices.com
Length of tour: 30 to 45 minutes
Maximum number: 20 students
Appropriate age: First grade and older
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Advance notice: Three weeks
Limitations: Close supervision is required. Wear sturdy shoes.

Outside Portland Metro Area

Columbia Ridge Landfill

The end destination for this region's garbage is 145 miles east, through the Columbia River Gorge. The landfill receives up to 6,500 tons of garbage by truck and rail daily. View the landfill and see garbage "tipped" into it. View rail yard and container repair facilities. Visitors from mid-May to mid-June can view construction of a landfill cell. Tour also may include the Chemical Waste Management facility adjacent to the landfill.

Mailing address: 18177 Cedar Springs Lane, Arlington, OR 97812
 Field trip site: Same as above
 Contact: Receptionist, (541) 454-2030; swilkins@wm.com
 Length of tour: 60 to 90 minutes
 Maximum number: One to two school buses
 Appropriate age: First grade and older (must be 18 and older to tour the Chemical Waste Management facility)
 Hours: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday
 Advance notice: One week
 Limitations: Students will stay on bus for the entire tour.

Columbia Springs Compost Demonstration Site

Take a self-guided tour of a composting demonstration site highlighting several different systems designed to compost household and yard debris. See web site for list of free backyard composting workshops.

Mailing Address: 12208 SE Evergreen Highway, Vancouver, WA 98683
 Field Trip Site: Same as above
 Contact: Jo Anne Dolan, (360) 882-0936 ext 224; mcr@columbiasprings.org
 Length of tour: 15-20 minutes
 Maximum number: Individuals and small groups are recommended as parking is limited.
 Appropriate age: All ages
 Hours: Daylight hours, Monday through Friday.
 Advanced notice: No notice needed for self-guided tour. Please call two weeks in advance if guided tour is requested.
 Limitations: Immediate parking is limited. Additional parking available nearby.
 Web site: www.columbiasprings.org/mcr

Covanta Waste-to-Energy Facility

This is the facility where the majority of the garbage from Marion County is burned and turned into electricity. Students will see how the garbage is managed and burned, learn how electricity is generated and see the complex array of safety measures and machinery that are needed to operate the facility.

Mailing address: PO Box 9126, Brooks, OR 97305
 Field trip site: 4850 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks, OR 97305
 Contact: Lori Wallace, (503) 393-0890; lwallace@covantaenergy.com;
 Fax number: (503) 393-9714
 Length of tour: One hour
 Maximum number: 40 students
 Appropriate age: Second grade and older
 Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday
 Advance notice: Two weeks or more
 Limitations: Tours are given rain or shine; dress for the weather. A list of names of all attending the tour must be faxed or emailed prior to coming.

**Garten
Services, Inc.**

Tour the Salem Recycling Division of this not-for-profit qualified rehabilitation facility (QRF), established in 1970, that provides jobs for people with developmental disabilities and long-term mental illness. Tour includes a walk-through of the plant, explanation of the recycling process, viewing of the volume of curb-side recycling received at this site, as well as sorters, conveyors and truck scales. Tour also includes Garten's new Electronics Recycling Program, which successfully refurbishes/resells or demanufactures/recycles 99% of all electronics that come through the program. Other presentations and special tour accommodations available upon advance request.

Mailing address: PO Box 7310, Salem, OR 97303
Field trip site: 3334 Industrial Way NE, Salem, OR 97303-0088
Contact: Greg Bethards, (503) 581-4472, ext. 3306; gbethards@garten.org
Length of tour: Approximately 60 minutes
Maximum number: 30 students; Large groups may be accommodated as needed with enough notice.
Appropriate age: Kindergarten and older
Hours: Please call for availability.
Advance notice: Two weeks
Limitations: Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes (and a warm jacket on cold days).
Web site: www.garten.org

Other Resources

**City of Portland
Environmental
Services,
Clean Rivers
Education
Program**

Environmental Services offers free classroom and field study science education programs for kindergarten through college students within the city of Portland. Students learn about watershed health, urban ecology, the causes and effects of water pollution and what they can do to protect rivers and streams.

Clean Rivers Education programs address local water quality, sustainable stormwater, wastewater and habitat issues. The program offers hands-on classroom lessons designed to complement teachers' curricula. Classroom programs often serve as a prelude or follow-up to a field trip. During field experiences, students spend time outdoors observing, interpreting, exploring and connecting to local natural areas. Students apply the skills they learn through watershed investigations and stewardship/community action projects. Clean Rivers educators work with teachers to develop a unit of study to best meet learning objectives. We offer natural area restoration/education projects (4th grade and above), community service projects, teacher workshops and curriculum resources for check-out. Limited transportation funding may be available upon request. Please call ahead for scheduling.

Contact: Megan Hanson, (503) 823-7185, megan.hanson@portlandoregon.gov. View our programs online: www.portlandonline.com/bes/education

Portland's Sustainable Stormwater Program also publishes self-guided tours to various stormwater management facilities located throughout the city. The facilities manage and treat stormwater in ways that minimize the effect of the development on the environment. The following website features walking, biking and virtual tours and demonstration projects in the city: www.portlandonline.com/bes/sustainablestormwater.

**City of Portland
Bureau of
Planning and
Sustainability**

The City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is available to present to students and community groups on climate change and green building. The presentations are suitable for students in middle school or higher and focus on understanding the issues and applying practical solutions.

Contact: Bill Beamer, (503) 823-5620; william.beamer@portlandoregon.gov

**City of
Gresham**

The City of Gresham's Schools Recycling Coordinator provides educational materials, classroom presentations, awards and incentives, technical assistance and opportunities to participate in special activities to Gresham schools. City staff also serves as the local Oregon Green Schools coordinator for these schools.

Contact: Jan Rankin, (503) 618-2613; Jan.Rankin@greshamoregon.gov

**Clackamas County
Recycling
Partnership
(Clackamas County
Office of
Sustainability)**

Clackamas County Recycling Partnership (CCRP) coordinates waste reduction education and assistance services to all Clackamas County schools. Resources include: free classroom presentations on recycling, composting/vermicomposting, waste prevention and sustainability; assistance with school waste reduction and composting programs; coordination of the Oregon Green Schools program in Clackamas County; providing educational materials, recycling containers and signage; grant assistance; teacher and custodian workshops; newsletters and other special activities. We work cooperatively with Metro to maximize waste reduction outreach and opportunities in Clackamas County.

Contact: Laurel Bates, Waste Reduction Education Coordinator, (503) 742-4454; lbates@clackamas.us
Clackamas County Office of Sustainability, 150 Beaver Creek Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045

Clean Water Services	Free programs are offered to individuals, schools and groups within the service district (primarily Washington County). These programs include Tualatin River Rangers (an interactive program that teaches fourth graders water quality fundamentals including watersheds, the water cycle, pollution from runoff and wastewater treatment), storm-drain marking project materials, wastewater treatment plant tours and a speaker's bureau. Visit our website at www.cleanwaterservices.org for Clean Water Tips, the Native Plant Finder and more. Contact: Clean Water Services, Public Affairs, (503) 681-3600.
Columbia Springs	<p>Columbia Springs, located in Vancouver, Washington on over 100 acres of urban natural area, provides environmental education for all ages promoting environmental literacy and sustainability. Program offerings include workshops, compost demonstration sites, educational trunks, on-site student learning and summer camps.</p> <p>Last year, nearly 4,000 students learned about forest and stream ecosystems at Columbia Springs through a variety of field trips. This year our program offerings include: Grades K-2: Salmon Scouts and The Wild World of Bugs; Grades 2-6: Fish Dissection and Soil Investigators; Grades 4-8: Eco-explorers and Stream Sleuths; K-8: Guided Nature Hikes.</p> <p>For more information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-site Environmental Education Programs and Summer Camps, call Jennifer at (360) 882-0936, ext. 226 - Salmon in the Classroom, call Amanda at (360) 882-0936, ext. 228 - Master Composter/Recycler program information, call Joanne at (360) 882-0936, ext. 224 - Volunteering and Events, call Mariah at (360) 882-0936, ext. 230 <p>Please visit our website at www.columbiasprings.org</p>
Earth Angel Worm and Garden	Worm composting is simple, fun and educational with worm supplies and information from EARTH ANGEL WORM & GARDEN - your source for happy, healthy redworms, worm bins and vermicomposting information. Expert and friendly advice and consultation by phone or, by arrangement, worm composting set-up, consultation and customized presentations available at your school or organization. Contact: 503-234-WORM (9676) or email earthangel@buyworms.com .
Growing Gardens	Growing Gardens' YouthGrow offers after-school and in-school garden programs for elementary school students. YouthGrow also offers summer garden camps and volunteer educator training. Contact: Caitlin Blethen, YouthGrow Manager, (503) 284-8420; caitlin@growing-gardens.org
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality	Waste prevention and recycling resources are available free to Oregon teachers. These include Rethinking Recycling (an education curriculum), Green Schools Tool Kit (guide for resource efficient schools), Saving Little Pieces of Our Earth DVD and the Wheel of Waste Reduction (an educational display and game). Contact: Solid waste program staff, (503) 229-6724, or visit DEQ's web site at www.deq.state.or.us/lq/education/
Portland Community Gardens	The City of Portland's Portland Community Gardens program offers plot fee waivers for schools that would like to have a community garden plot for use in their in-school or after-school programs. For more information visit www.portlandonline.com/parks/communitygardens or call (503) 823-1612.

Portland Public Schools

Portland Public Schools offers assistance with school recycling and resource conservation programs for the Portland School District. Contact: Nancy Bond, (503) 916-6383; nbond@pps.net

Sauvie Island Center

The Sauvie Island Center increases food, farm and environmental literacy in the community by providing hands-on educational field trips for elementary school children. The trips take place at the Sauvie Island Organics farm and on the grounds of the 120 acre Howell Territorial Park, managed by Metro. Hands-on activities include: *Exploring the Compost Pile and Discussing Healthy Soil, Seed to Harvest Investigation in the Grow Lunch Garden, Plant Parts Discovery, Food Web and Forest Exploration* and our newest module *Pollination Investigation*. For more information or to schedule a field trip visit our web site at www.sauvieislandcenter.org or contact Jennifer James, (503) 341-8627; jennifer@sauvieislandcenter.org

Metro Waste Reduction Education

Metro offers free classroom presentations and curriculum resources for K-12 schools in the Portland metropolitan region.

Web site: www.oregonmetro.gov/schoolrecycling

Elementary school resources include:

- Puppet shows on composting, natural gardening and recycling.
- Classroom presentations on waste prevention and recycling, composting and toxics reduction
- Loan of papermaking kits

To schedule presentations and puppet shows or request materials, call Freda Sherburne at (503) 972-8547, or send e-mail to: freda.sherburne@oregonmetro.gov.

Secondary school resources include:

- Classroom presentations on sustainability, consumption, climate change and composting.
- Related curriculum materials and videos are available for loan to teachers. Visit web site for a listing.

To request materials or schedule presentations, leave a message at (503) 548-2648. (This position is in the process of being filled. Thank you for your patience.)

Saving Little Pieces of our Earth video:

Ever wonder how recycling works? View a video that follows paper, aluminum, steel, plastic and glass through the recycling process - from your recycling bin to a material recovery facility and then into new products. Available in English or Spanish. www.oregonmetro.gov/schoolrecycling

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