



Green Matters

Actions today for a healthier tomorrow

The new OMF Green Roots Team is taking on the production of what used to be the Sustainability Fun Facts. The OMF Green Roots team is made up of OMF staff at all levels of the organization who are interested in cultivating a culture of sustainability and health at OMF. Look for our upcoming brown bags on Winter Gardening (July 21) and Recycling Requirements (July 30). Send us your ideas or attend one of our monthly meetings (the next mtg is Tues, Aug 11th 11:30-12:30).

Electronics Recycling

Did you know that here in Oregon you can recycle old computers, monitors and even TVs for free? This is because we now have Oregon's Electronics Recycling Law: [Oregon E-Cycles](#).

This requires manufacturers of electronic devices to practice something the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is calling "Product Stewardship." According to the DEQ website, "Product stewardship means that all parties involved in designing, manufacturing, selling and using a product take responsibility for environmental impacts at every stage of that product's life."

At Work: The Bureau of Technology Services makes electronics recycling super easy. Just call the BTS Helpdesk to arrange a pickup. BTS works with Free Geek to refurbish items for local nonprofits and/or recycling.

At Home: Anyone can take in seven or fewer electronic devices to a participating business or organization. To find a site near you, go to the [DEQ's website](#) or call 1-888-5-ECYCLE.

Other organizations also provide electronics recycling, but there may be a fee:

- **Free Geek** is a Portland nonprofit that takes a number of electronics (including old cell phones and stereo components) for a suggested donation (which is tax deductible).
- **Metro** also has information on recycling electronic devices.



Community Connect:

- Ever been to a **Freecycle** event? Donate goods within your community and everyone wins!

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