

New online course helps Oregonians learn basics of recycling and save money

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Oregonians who want to positively impact their community's environment can now enroll in [Recycling 101](#), an innovative, noncredit online recycling education course.

Offered by Professional and Noncredit Education at Oregon State University, Recycling 101 draws on research-based best practices, case studies and instructional multimedia to introduce participants to the life cycle of recyclables, hazardous waste and compostables. Participants who complete the course will learn how to reduce waste in their home and workplace. This course also profiles small local businesses that have applied recycling best practices and significantly reduced costs and environmental impact.

The interactive course is self-paced and allows participants to connect with key leaders in community waste reduction efforts.

Recycling 101 is modeled after the successful Master Recycler program, found in eight Oregon communities. To date, approximately 2,500 Oregonians have completed the course and went on to contribute more than 42,000 hours of volunteer outreach.

[Dozens of private, nonprofit and governmental organizations](#) throughout Oregon contributed financial and curriculum support to develop Recycling 101.

Registration is now open, and the course launches in February 2013.

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