

*“UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”* -The Lorax (by Dr. Seuss)

**Welcome** to the 14th annual Linn and Benton County Master Recycler class. We’re pleased that you have decided to join the community of master recyclers. Eight weeks probably seems like a long time and you may wonder what we could possibly discuss, but hang in there, we think you are going to be dazzled and amazed. There is so much to learn about waste reduction. It is a constantly changing field.

The class will focus on the simple concepts of “Reduce, Reuse & Recycle” and you will listen to a series of experts on a wide variety of subjects, from aluminum to zero waste. You’ll find that some of those experts are sitting beside you in class and others have attended in the past. It’s our hope that the knowledge you acquire will inspire you make a difference in both your life and the lives of others in our communities. The many small steps we take collectively add up to big change in our world and we are asking you to be a part of that change. This class is free, but there is pay back to do. You will be asked to share what you have learned with 30 hours of activity that educates, inspires or activates others in our efforts to promote waste reduction in Linn and Benton counties. Many payback opportunities give you a chance to work side by side with others who share your commitment. So be thinking how you would like to participate. Enjoy!

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