

Multnomah County Green Team
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Glen Andresen
Metro Natural Gardening Program

Better Soil, Less Toil: Putting Compost to Work For You

Nothing is more important for your plants' health than compost. This presentation will focus on the value of compost and how easy it is to get your own compost pile started. Learn how to make and use compost so your soil can generate some of its own fertilizers and even till itself! From no-fuss methods of turning fruit, vegetable and yard trimmings into rich compost to easy techniques for applying compost to your garden to using worms to make compost, you'll return home with essential tips for soil fertility success.

Bio for Glen Andresen

Since 1994, Glen Andresen has been Metro's natural gardening educator. The program offers presentations, a summertime garden tour, and information on how to have healthy yards and gardens without the use of pesticides. Glen has been a Master Gardener since 1991.

Since 1985, Glen has tended a 3/4-acre organic garden at a retreat center near Eagle Creek in Clackamas County. He is the host of the 1/2-hour edible gardening show, "The Dirt Bag," heard the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. on community radio station KBOO, at 90.7 FM in Portland; he also writes "Ground View," a monthly gardening column for *The Portland Alliance* newspaper.

Glen is an avid hobbyist beekeeper, keeping approximately 30 colonies of bees – give or take a swarm or bear attack.

He has degrees in economics and music but still would rather play in the dirt.