

Volunteer Roles: Sustainability
Montavilla Farmers Market
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Montavilla Farmers Market (MFM) has been a creative leader in sustainability since its inception in 2007. Our market is small and entrepreneurial enough to pilot all kinds of innovative ideas for reducing waste—from washing plastics & delivering them to a local specialty plastics recycler to conducting detailed waste audits to the launch of the **first-in-Portland Durable Dish program**.

The Durable Dish program replaces disposable paper, plastic or compostable food serveware items with durable plates, forks and tumblers.

MFM piloted this program for 15 market weeks in 2009 and was able to keep the equivalent of 1,796 paper plates, boats & plastic clamshells; 393 plastic cups & lids; and 2,101 plastic forks out of the waste stream!

Interested in helping make this sustainability happen each market week (and have fun at the same time)? Come volunteer for the 2010 season!

Email Kristin: durabledish@montavillamarket.org

Two Volunteer Sustainability Shifts available each Sunday:

9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Duties include:

- **Setting up durable dish takeback station**
- **Distributing clean dishes to ready-to-eat vendors**
- **Interacting with market customers, helping them bus their dishes, sort their trash & answer questions**
- **Monitoring the waste station and “top sorting” compost/recycle/landfill trash**
- **Washing dishes at local restaurant**
- **Counting & recording dish data**

12:00 to 3:30 PM

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- **Tearing down dish takeback station at end of market**
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