



COURTESY OF PORTLAND ROASTING COFFEE CO.

Portland Roasting Coffee Co. believes it has the solution to 14.4 billion paper cups thrown out each year — biodegradable cups made of fully renewable materials and a corn-based liner.

## Get the goods on living green

Whether you're living a carbon-neutral life or driving a Hummer, you'll be able to pick up tips, resources, products, information and inspiration at Portland's first Living Green Expo at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry this weekend.

Visitors can browse dozens of booths and sign up for a variety of free workshops on topics like solar power and green building, and kids can join the River Rangers program.

E-tech recycling will be on hand to accept unwanted electronics like computers, cell phones, VCRs, batteries and more.

Visit [www.etechrecycling.com](http://www.etechrecycling.com) for a complete list of what's accepted. Most items will be taken for free, but there is a charge for certain larger items.

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13, OMSI, 1945 S.E. Water Ave., free with OMSI admission, \$9 adults, \$7 ages 3 to 13 and 63 and over, kids 2 and under free, 503-797-6674.

## Get your veggies really, really fresh

If the farmers market just isn't fresh enough for you, and you want to pick your own pecks of peppers, first pick up a copy of the Tri-County Farm Fresh Produce Guide ([www.tricountyfarm.org](http://www.tricountyfarm.org)), available at your local library.

The guide profiles 59 local farms growing more than 100 crops and lets you know what's in season when. It also offers a map, contact and visiting information.

And if you lose your guide, make a weekly call to Hayride Heidi's Rich and Ready Hotline. It is updated weekly, 503-226-4112.

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COURTESY OF TRI-COUNTY FARM FRESH

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## These cups don't fill up landfills

According to Portland Roasting Coffee Co., last year Americans threw out 14.4 billion pa-

per cups. While an obvious solution is drinking from reusable vessels, not everyone has the time or the inclination.

So Portland Roasting has announced an inventive solution — the region's first biodegradable cup made of fully renewable materials and a corn-based liner. Portland Roasting debuted the cups, developed by International Paper, this month at the Specialty Coffee Association of America show.

The cup can be recycled at coffee shops that participate in the city's commercial composting project Portland Composts! and will be available locally at OMSI, Portland State University Twin Paradox Coffee House (8609 S.E. 17th Ave.) and Iron Mutt Coffee Co. (530 S.W. 205th Ave., Beaverton).

— Audrey Van Buskirk

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