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## **CLIMATE MASTER PROGRAM NOW IN SPRINGFIELD**

### *Program is looking for Springfield volunteers*

The Climate Master Program is looking for volunteers who want to reduce their household greenhouse gas emissions and motivate others to do it too. This fall the program is sponsored in part by the City of Springfield. The 10-week training will start October 6.

Volunteers receive more than 30 hours of expert instruction, learning practical, low-cost ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from home heating and cooling, transportation, food, home waste and yards. The course also covers successful habit change, and how to motivate others.

After completing the training, participants share what they know with others, “paying back” the program by giving at least 30 hours of volunteer time. Climate Masters give personal consultations to people in the community, staff information booths at events, make presentations, and run small groups, among other activities.

This is a project of the Climate Leadership Initiative of the Institute for a Sustainable Environment at the University of Oregon. The program in Lane County is sponsored by the Lane Transit District, Eugene Water & Electric Board, Emerald People’s Utility District, the City of Eugene, the Environmental Protection Agency, Chambers Family Foundation, the City of Springfield, & NW Natural Gas.

**Who:** Residents in the Eugene/Springfield area

**What:** Climate Master volunteer recruitment

**When:** From now until September 15, 2008.

**Where:** Applications online at [www.climateleadership.org](http://www.climateleadership.org), by email to [climatemaster@rocketmail.com](mailto:climatemaster@rocketmail.com), or by phone message to 346-1609.

**More Information:** Contact the program's coordinator, Alice Warner, by email to [climatemaster@rocketmail.com](mailto:climatemaster@rocketmail.com) or by leaving a message at 346-1609.