Stretch SNAP Benefits at Farmer’s Markets

Did you know that the Fresh Exchange is a program that provides SNAP (food stamps) shoppers with a dollar-for-dollar match (up to $5 per week) to spend at participating farmer’s markets? To access the Fresh Exchange program, SNAP participants simply swipe their Oregon Trail card at the market information booth in return for tokens to use at the market. For every $1 of SNAP funds redeemed at the market, a matching $1 Fresh Exchange token is provided (up to a $5 match each visit) to purchase fresh food from local farmers and producers. To learn more about SNAP benefits or to see if you qualify, visit https://apps.state.or.us/onlineApplication/.

Farmer’s Market Times & Locations

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Women Build: Creating space for women to learn, build, and lead

Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East’s Women Build program provides critical resources to create affordable homeownership opportunities for women and their families. Women Build volunteers learn new skills, build, and teach others—all while working in a supportive and empowering environment. Four build days a year will provide opportunities for Habitat homebuyers, current Habitat homeowners, and women from all walks of life to get together and celebrate themselves and each other in an empowering way.

For more information on Women Build, please contact Cassie Punnett, Volunteer and Business Engagement Coordinator, by emailing cassie@habitatportlandmetro.org

Food Stamps Grow Gardens

SNAP EBT benefits (food stamps) can be used to purchase food-producing plants and seeds.

For info: www.SNAPgardens.org

Spring Maintenance Tips

Spring is a great time to take advantage of sunny days and assess the exterior and surroundings of your home.

- Trim trees to keep them away from the home and power lines
- Check for any dead or damaged areas of your lawn, cultivate and reseed as needed, regularly mow your lawn
- Clear leaves, moss and other debris from gutters and make sure that gutters and downspouts are secure
- Check for cracks in asphalt or concrete driveways and walkways
- Inspect roof for signs of wear including holes, crumbling, blistering, moss buildup or rotting
- Clean windows and inspect window screens to determine if replacement is necessary

Maintenance responsibilities vary by community. If you live in a community with an Owner’s Association, talk to your board or association management company regarding exterior maintenance.

Spring Events:

Habitat Hope Builder Breakfast: Oregon Convention Center
April 24th • 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

We are excited to share that we have reached maximum capacity this year for our upcoming Hope Builder Breakfast featuring guest speaker Cheryl Strayed. Visit https://habitatportlandmetro.org/get-involved/events/hopebuilder-breakfast/ or call our office if you would like to be added to the event waitlist.

Cully Place Phase I Dedication: 5640 NE Killingsworth St. Portland, OR
June 15th • 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Please join us on Saturday, June 15th as we celebrate the completion of Phase I of Cully Place. Located at 57th and Killingsworth, this community will soon be home to 15 families. Cully Place is made up of 3-triplexes and 3-duplexes and located in the Cully neighborhood of NE Portland.

Who to Contact

Need to know who to call for classes, payments, warranty or general info?

- Class questions? Tram Nguyen tram@habitatportlandmetro.org 503-287-9529 ext. 36
- Payment questions? Loretta Kelly lorettak@habitatportlandmetro.org 503-287-9529 ext. 34
- Warranty questions? Ian Gallager ian@habitatportlandmetro.org 503-287-9529 ext. 27
- General questions? Shelby Pierce shelby@habitatportlandmetro.org 503-287-9529 ext. 19
Next Homeownership Classes

**May 11th**
- 10:30-11:30am: Emergency Preparedness
- 12:00-2:00pm: Creating Community/Conflict Reduction

**June 8th**
- 9:30-11:30am: Home Maintenance
- 12:00-2:00pm: Pest Management

**July 13th**
- 9:30-11:30am: Insurance
- 12:00-2:00pm: Estate Planning

For full descriptions of upcoming classes, visit Habitat's Facebook page or watch for Habitat's Education Program postcard and emails. No childcare provided, all attendees must be 15 or older. Please contact us if you need interpretation services at least 10 days before the scheduled class. All classes are held at 1478 NE Killingsworth St Portland, OR 97211. RSVP required. Call 503-287-9529 x36 or email homeownership@habitatportlandmetro.org