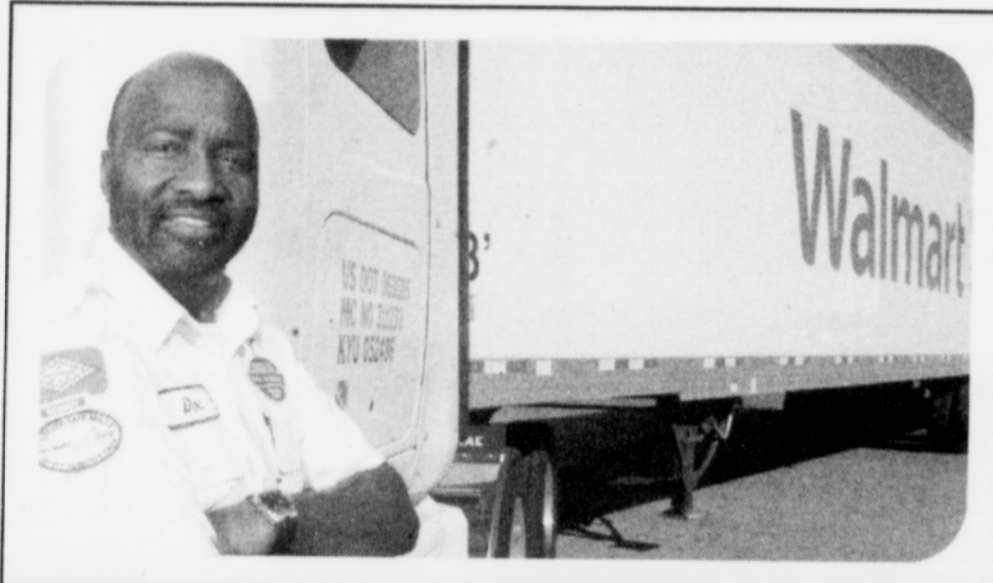


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Chad Kruger and Lynne Carpenter-Boggs with the prototype for a small-size anaerobic digester.

Compost to Save Energy, Money

WSU studies home systems

Washington State University researchers Chad Kruger and Lynne Carpenter-Boggs know that compostable waste, whether at home or in the fields, is an opportunity to save resources and money in

other areas around the house and the farm.

According to Kruger, a digester could theoretically be installed under your kitchen sink just like an appliance. You would scrape table scraps into the disposal as usual, but instead of being shipped out to the city's wastewater treatment plant, the waste would be converted into energy to power your hot water heater or stove.

The other output would be high-quality organic fertilizer that could go back into your garden.

For an investment of around \$500, you'd be saving energy, reducing waste and creating a nutrient-rich soil amendment.

"This is one of the most efficient ways you can capture energy on a small scale," said Kruger.

Two of the small-scale anaerobic digester prototypes are being beta tested by small-scale farmers looking for a renewable alternative to liquid propane as a source of energy. Once the researchers get feedback from the farmers the next step would be commercialization.

SMALL-BUSINESS FAIR

Do you dream of owning a business,
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SOLV Beaches, Rivers Cleanup

SOLV is expanding its fall cleanup so that thousands of volunteers can clean Oregon's coastal beaches and inland rivers all on the same day. Presented by the Oregon Lottery, the newly expanded event is called the SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup and is set from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25.

"With more than 150 cleanup and watershed projects scheduled throughout the state, this is a fantastic opportunity for all Oregonians to get involved in their community,

and teach the next generation to care for the health of our local watershed and the beaches we all enjoy," explains SOLV Executive Director Melisa McDonald.

"We need thousands of volunteers to join in this effort to reduce the large amount of trash that flows to the ocean from inland waterways, streets, and storm drains," says Program Coordinator Rachael Pecore.

Volunteers should sign up online at solv.org or call 503-844-9571.

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Do you live in an older home? The Community Energy Project offers free workshops to learn how to prevent lead exposure while living in homes older than 1978.

Participants receive a free safety kit worth \$30. Upcoming sessions

are Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Peninsula Park Community Center in north Portland and Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Community Energy Project building at 4212 N.E. Alberta St. Call 503-284-6827, extension 110 to register.