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The Portland Observer Sustainability

Free Downspout Disconnections

To keep pollution out of our stream and wetlands, this summer Gresham volunteers will help qualifying homeowners safely disconnect their downspouts, allowing roof runoff of homes to soak back into lawns and landscaping.

As part of the Healthy Streams Program, former Gresham AmeriCorps volunteers David Farmer and Kate Hibschman will supply free labor and parts, and educate the community about the benefits of disconnecting downspouts.

The roof of an average-size home can generate between 28,000 and 56,000 gallons of runoff per year. The roof water drains into pipes that carry it to the street. There it picks up pollutants like oil, gasoline and metals before entering the nearest catch basin on its way to local streams.

Gresham resident Diane Wichman worked with city staff to have her downspouts disconnected and the water redirected to a brandnew rain garden.

"I was so excited the first time it rained, that I called a neighbor my city - Gresham." to come watch the water fill the



Gresham volunteers disconnect a home's downspout through a program to help prevent water pollution run off.

cleaner and making a difference in spout disconnection service for a

The City's Watershed Division depression," Wichman said. "It's has grants from East Multnomah about diverting water from our Soil and Water Conservation Disroofs into the ground, making our trict and Metro Nature in Neighborstreams and water resources hoods to help fund the free down-

limited time.

The deadline to sign up for free assistance is Aug. 15. Not every property is suitable for downspout disconnection. To be approved, call Jamie Stamberger at 503-618-2195.



7-Eleven **Supports** Community

A \$500 donation from 7-Eleven was presented to Ann Crowder on behalf of the Woodstock Community Center on July 15 as part of the grand opening of a new 7-Eleven store in southeast Portland's Woodstock neighborhood,

Save Energy, Money during Peak Times

To help businesses cut energy costs when demand is high especially during hot summer or cold winter days - about 80 hours a year--Portland General Electric and RTP Controls are offering customers a new technology option.

Under the Energy Partner program, businesses can receive discount

prices for dimming their lighting or cycling their air conditioning units development. on and off for a short time.

times, utilities often have to turn to their most expensive power sources, including bringing additional power plants online, to serve customers," said Carol Dillin, PGE's vice president

of customer strategies & business

In the next three years, PGE and "Typically during those peak RTP expect the program will reduce energy demand by up to 50 megawatts of capacity, the same as switching off 500,000 100-watt light bulbs during high energy use. For information, visit rtpcontrols.com.