

GREEN TIPS

Furniture

-  Plan a garage sale. Garage sales can be a profitable and fun way to clear your clutter.
-  Go online to get rid of old furniture and household items. Not only can you make some extra money, you will also help to reduce the flow of trash into landfills. We want to connect people who want to get rid of unwanted possessions with others looking for these articles. All of the following sites are free:

www.freecycle.org
www.craigslist.org
www.kijiji.ca
-  Find a repairman- for everything. Repairing broken televisions and mending clothes not only keeps household bills down, but also reduces the flow of trash into landfill sites.
-  Find local businesses who can:
 - Fix old televisions and radios
 - Mend or alter garments
 - Repair luggage and leather garments
 - Resurface old furniture
-  If renovating your home, find out if any of your old cabinets or fixtures can be used by nonprofit groups.

Vehicles

-  The Government of Canada is providing support to Clean Air Foundation to deliver a national vehicle scrap program that offers Canadians rewards for retiring their older, high polluting vehicles to reduce air pollution.

For information about participating in the program, visit Clean Air Foundation's website at :
www.retireyourride.ca or call 1-877-773-1996

Clothing

-  Organize a clothing exchange party with friends and neighbours.
-  Have a tailor adjust poorly-fitting clothes rather than buying new ones.

Miscellaneous

-  Share your newspaper, magazines and books with a friend or donate them to a hospital.
-  Take objects apart into individual components for recycling and reuse. For example, remove the pedals and wheels of a bike, so you can recycle the metal frame.
-  Donate used toys and furniture to your local daycare centre, hospital, preschool or kindergarten, or to a charity. Or, exchange toys with friends.
-  Cut up old bedding, towels, drapery and clothing to use as rags for chores, or reuse them for costumes or children's dress-up.
-  Donate your old computer or software to a school, special needs group or charity — you may be able to get a tax receipt. Consider upgrading your system rather than buying a new one.

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