

Swapping, Sharing, and Saving Resources

Why we care

It can be frustrating to spend money on an item you know you'll only use occasionally, and why buy something brand-new when you are sure you can find it used? But convenience isn't the only good reason to swap or share resources. Every new item we buy requires natural resources and energy to make and creates pollution. Sharing, swapping, and buying used doesn't just make good financial sense; it reduces impact on the environment, cuts down on clutter, and builds community.

Simple, positive steps

Place Settings and Food Preservation Equipment

- Preserve-n-Serve, <http://preserveandserve.org>, 7535 N Chicago.
- Northeast Home Goods Library, <http://www.nurturepdx.org/share/ne-home-goods-library>, 1626 NE Alberta St.
- Kitchen Share Southeast, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kitchen-Share-SE/281416925224613>, location TBD.

Tool Libraries (must be neighborhood resident)

- North Portland Tool Library, <http://www.northportlandtoollibrary.org>, 2209 N Schofield St.
- Northeast Portland Tool Library, <http://www.neptl.org>, 5431 NE 20th Ave.
- Southeast Portland Tool Library, <http://www.septl.org>, 3534 SE Main St.

Other Swap and Share Resources

- Trash to Treasure, April 28th, <http://swapnplay.org/trash-to-treasure>, 7535 N Chicago Ave. Portland's largest swap event for usable goods.
- Swap-n-Play, <http://swapnplay.org>. Cooperative community space for member families to bring children (10 or younger) to play and to exchange useful goods (clothing, toys, books, art supplies, baby equipment, etc.). Now in St. Johns, Woodlawn, Eastside, Sunnyside, and Wilsonville.
- Swap Positive, <http://swappositive.wordpress.com>. Provides listings and emails on local swaps in the Portland Metro area. Includes clothing, toys, household goods, and more.
- Bright Neighbor, <http://www.brightneighbor.com>. Helps Portlanders share skills and tools at the neighbor-to-neighbor level.

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