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HRM's Curbside Give Away Weekend 2010

Saturday June 5th & Sunday June 6th

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It's time to **REDUCE** your home's clutter;
give someone the chance to **REUSE** something that you no longer need,
by **RECYCLING** your clean and working goods!

During Environment Week (May 31 – June 6)

HRM is calling on residents to participate in our first Curbside Give Away Weekend June 5th and 6th. Help discover the "Hidden Treasures" in your neighbourhood, and community. It's another way to RETHINK GARBAGE and protect our most precious treasure – our environment.

What a great way to kick off your spring cleaning, and clear out unwanted household items - things that might be exactly what others are looking for.

The aim of this weekend event is to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in HRM's landfill by diverting unwanted items to be re-used! Reusing and recycling household items instead of discarding them reduces pressure on our municipal facilities, and is a great way to not only get rid of your underused items, but to find some great treasures of your own!

How can you participate?

Review Page 2 of this newsletter for:

- "Rules for Setting out Treasures"
- "Treasures Include" list
- "Treasure Hunting Etiquette"

On Curbside Give Away Weekend:

- Place re-usable household items at the curb in front of your home on the evening of Friday, June 4th
- Label all items as "FREE" using stickers or signs
- Remove leftover items from the curb by dusk on Sunday, June 6th
- Consider donating unclaimed items to charitable organizations (see Page 4 for a partial listing).

During your tour for hidden gems, make sure to respect other people's property and don't walk on lawns and gardens. Also, please take only the items marked 'FREE' and don't discard previously picked-up items on another person's lawn.

With such a wide variety of treasure possibilities make sure to keep Give Away Weekend in mind before disposing of items for garbage in the upcoming weeks. Your participation in the event will help maximize landfill space by extending the lifecycle of items and making them available for reuse.

Items suggested for give away include books, CDs and DVDs, furniture and small appliances, sports equipment and toys, tools, yard and gardening equipment, kitchen gadgets, dishes, cutlery, pots and pans, unwanted gifts, small bits of re-usable construction material including drywall and hardware, nails, bolts and screws, electronics, clothing and leftover paint.

The Curbside Give Away Weekend Treasure Hunt theme is modeled on highly successful events held in other Canadian cities. Residents in Ottawa have enjoyed bi-annual events since 2007 and Winnipeg began hosting the event in 2009.

With much success and participation reported in those areas, HRM is certain to experience the same results!

Best of luck in finding those treasures!

Give Away Weekend **Treasure Hunt**

Saturday, June 5th & Sunday, June 6th



Rules for Setting out Treasures:

- Place items at the curb on the evening of Friday June 4th
- Place stickers or signs on items with the word “FREE”
- Giveaway items should still be in good condition for “Re-use”
- Any items you want to keep should be away from your set out treasures or safely tucked away
- Material **MUST BE REMOVED** from the curb by dusk on Sunday June 6th
- Treasures not removed by dusk on Sunday could result in a By-Law violation, remember not to place materials curbside unless it is your garbage collection day/week

Treasures Include:

- Books, CDs and DVDs
- Furniture and small appliances
- Sports equipment and toys
- Tools
- Yard and gardening equipment (e.g., lawn mowers, snow throwers, rakes, shovels)
- Kitchen gadgets, dishes, cutlery, pots and pans
- Unwanted gifts
- Construction material including drywall and hardware (e.g., nails, bolts and screws)
- Electronics
- Clothing
- Paint

Treasure Hunting Etiquette:

- Respect other people’s property – don’t walk or drive on people’s lawns or gardens
- Take only the items at the curb marked “FREE”
- Safety First: Obey the traffic laws at all times (e.g., don’t block traffic, park illegally or block people’s driveways with your vehicle)
- Watch out for children
- Don’t discard any items on another person’s lawn

What shouldn’t be given away?

- Any items that are not reusable
- Any items infested with bed bugs including mattresses, furniture, bedding (these are not treasures)
- Visit the Consumer Product Safety Bureau to find out about items that aren’t safe to give away (e.g., baby walkers, lawn darts). The website to view this information is www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pubs/cons/garage-eng.php
- Live animals (contact a local shelter for advice on unwanted pets)

What to do with leftover Treasures?

- Consider donating unwanted items to:
 - Local Charitable or non-profit organizations or community groups who are able to use them.
 - Check the Yellow Pages under ‘Charitable & Non-Profit Organizations’. Call ahead to confirm items they accept
- HRM Freecycle Network - http://groups.freecycle.org/hrm_freecycle
- Post your items on www.kijiji.ca
- If you consider your stuff garbage, then you can also place materials out on garbage collection day/week. Bulky items (e.g., furniture, mattresses) can be placed curbside for collection on your regular garbage collection day under the following conditions:
 - One bulky item per garbage collection day is permitted per household.
 - Material may be placed curbside the night before your regular garbage collection day.
- Certain electronics are not accepted for curbside collection. Visit our website www.halifax.ca/recycle/recycling.html or call 490-4000 for details and drop-off locations.

Information on the Give Away Weekend, garbage limits and recycling is also available online at www.halifax.ca/curbsidegiveaway or by contacting 490-4000.

Share your re-usable treasures year round!



Re-use has been an everyday practice for most Nova Scotians long before recycling programs started. Items such as clothing, toys and even furniture can become unwanted before they wear out and we replace them with new items. Charities rely on donations of good re-usable items.

Donating gently used items is a great way to support local organizations and help the environment at the same time! Many daycares or community groups would be happy to receive those craft supplies that have been cluttering up your closet. Just be sure to call ahead to confirm what they are able to accept.

Only good used items are valuable to others and it is easy to donate them for re-use, so please respect the value of charity and do not dump materials next to bins that are full.

When using a charitable group's drop off bin, please note charities only want materials that can be re-used, they do not want your garbage.

Good used items are valuable to others and it is easy to donate them for re-use. Some organizations and goodwill agencies (Canadian Diabetes or Big Brothers Big Sisters for example) even offer services to pick up items that can be re-used.

Check out the listing of charities on Page 4, or look in the Yellow Pages Directory for Charitable and Non-Profit Organizations.

Clip and post on Giveaway Items ✂

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We want to hear from you!

Share your experiences from Curbside Give Away Weekend and your name will be entered for a chance to win a 3 R's Prize Pack or a Backyard Composter.

Send your story and pictures of any great finds to wasteless@halifax.ca or by mail:

Curbside Give Away
HRM Solid Waste Resources
PO Box 1749
Halifax, NS B3J 3A5





Charities & non-profit groups accepting donations of used materials

The following organizations provide a valuable re-use option to the residents of HRM. Please ensure items donated are suitable for re-use, and not considered 'garbage'.

- **Adsum House**, 2421 Brunswick Street, Halifax, 429-4443, Items can be dropped off anytime. Textiles, clothing and household items accepted. Adsum House cannot accept furniture or big bulky items.
- **Beacon House**, 470 Cobequid Rd, Lwr. Sackville, 864-3025 Used clothing and non-perishable food. Cannot accept furniture or appliances. Drop off bin located on site.
- **Bide-A-While Animal Shelter**, 67 Neptune Cres, Woodside Ind. Park, 469-9578 (call first), Thur to Fri 10am-5pm, Sa 10a.m.-2p.m.. Towels only to be used for animal bedding. www.bideawhile.org
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters ReNew Crew**, clothing recycling office 454-4025. Scheduled clothing pick up service available. Visit our website bigbrothersbigsistershalifax.ca to locate the Bright yellow donation bin nearest you.
- **Bryony House, Administrative Office**, 3399 Novalea Drive, Halifax, 429-9002, www.bryonyhouse.ca, Mon to Thur, 1p.m.-4p.m.. Clothing, kid's toys, non-perishable food items.
- **Canadian Diabetes Association**, 239 Brownlow Ave., Dartmouth, Suite #104, 454-0542. Pick-up service Mon to Sat. Textiles, used clothing, toys, dishes, bedding, sporting goods, costume jewelry, small appliances, knick-knacks, shoes, tools, luggage, draperies, kitchen utensils. Look for the CDA Red Drop Boxes for clothing donations at locations throughout your community.
- **Fall River Laundry & Drycleaning**, 9 McPherson Rd, Fall River, 860-0011. Cloth diaper service.
- **Feed Nova Scotia**, 213 Bedford Hwy, Halifax. 457-1900, www.feednovascotia.ca, Mon to Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30p.m. Accept delivered: perishable & non-perishable food items, good office equipment, toiletries, linens, dishes, clothing.
- **Halifax West Ecumenical Food Bank**, 50 Gesner St (Salvation Army Bldg) Fairview. Available Tue. 8a.m. to 2p.m. Clients: 12p.m. to 2p.m., Food & Monetary Donations 445-3469
- **Hand in Hand, St. Vincent De Paul**, 436 Herring Cove Road, Hfx, 477-7744, Mon to Sat, 9a.m.-4:30p.m. Clothing, household and craft items or supplies, small appliances and books. Good used furniture, beds, dressers, tables, chairs and sofas are constantly needed to give to those in need. Referral to donors is offered for washers and dryers in good working order. No other appliances can be accepted.
- **Parker Street Furniture Bank**, 2415 Maynard St, Halifax, 453-2498, Mon to Fri, 8a.m.-4p.m. Furniture and household items (beds, chairs and kitchen tables). www.parkerstreet.org
- **Phoenix House**, 2385 Hunter Street, Halifax 422-5583, Phoenix Centre for Youth 6035 Coburg Road, Halifax 420-0676, M-F, 9a.m.-5:00p.m.,
- **Phoenix Youth Shelter** 1094 Tower Rd. Halifax 405-3107: Perishable and non-perishable food items, toiletries, linens, clothing and kitchenware (cutlery, dishes, pots and pans). Cannot accept furniture or appliances. No pick up service.
- **ReStore - Habitat for Humanity**. Unit U 121 Ilsley Ave., Burnside 405-3755. Wed to Fri 9:30a.m. - 5p.m., Sat 10a.m. - 3p.m. Accept donations of working appliances, building material such as cabinets, electrical supplies, roofing materials, flooring (no used carpets), furniture and shelving
- **Salvation Army**, Check the Yellow Pages, under Clothing-Used, 455-3196 (pick up line). Drop off boxes located on site. Pick up service available. Furniture and clothing. Cannot accept large appliances.
- **St Margaret's Bay Food Bank**, 13495 Peggys Cove Road, Tantallon, 826-9272. Used clothing & household items. No electronics or furniture. Drop off box on site & at Tantallon Superstore.
- **Single Parent Centre**, 3 Sylvia Ave, Halifax, 479-3031 Please call ahead. Infant & maternity clothes only.



Special Edition What do you think?

For more information about Halifax Regional Municipality, please contact our Corporate Call Centre at 490-4000, visit our website at www.halifax.ca or drop by an HRM Customer Service Centre near you.

Please share with us any thoughts or comments that you may have about this edition of the Naturally Green newsletter. Hopefully, you enjoyed it and found it informative and easy to read.

What did you like most about it?

What features would you like to see included in future issues?

If you have a question about something you've read in this newsletter, please refer to the contact information located in the last paragraph of each article.

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