

FREecycle!

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Do you need to get rid of a piano? Are you looking for a coffee table? Freecycle is an electronic forum for “recycling” unwanted items by finding a new, local home for them. The aim is to keep furniture, toys, and household items out of transfer stations and landfills by finding new owners for them. Members of Freecycle post e-mail messages to the forum, describing an item they are looking to get rid of or an item they are hoping to find. E-mails on the forum fall under four subject headings: “offer,” “taken,” “wanted,” and “received.” The person giving the item decides who receives the gift and sets up a time for the new owner to pick it up.

The main rule is that everything posted must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages. The Freecycle network is open to all communities and to all individuals who want to participate. Many non-profit organizations also benefit from joining. Membership is entirely free. Each Freecycle group is moderated by a local volunteer who electronically facilitates the group.

For more information on how to join this “Green Movement” go to www.freecycle.org. As of this writing, most area participants join the Wolfeboro group although someone could step forward as a moderator to start a local group. Our seasonal residents can find a group in their area of year round residence by following the same “Browse Groups” links as if they were joining a local group .



The Freecycle network began in May 2003 in Tucson, Arizona. Its mission “is to build a worldwide gifting movement that reduces waste, saves precious resources, and eases the burden on our landfills while enabling our members to benefit from the strength of a larger community.” There are Freecycle communities across the nation and the globe. Join today and start freecycling!

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