

# Zero Waste Resource List

## “Pass It On” or “Take it Back”

First.... Some things to consider:

- ✓ Reusing is the most efficient use of energy. Recycling has a cost in fuel, processing, and energy. The next best thing after reusing it yourself is to “Pass It On” to someone that you may know of in your community area.
- ✓ Do I know someone who could use this item(s)? “Pass it On”
- ✓ Is there a more direct way to get my items to those who really need them? Check with your house of worship, community centers.
- ✓ Who will have access to the items when I donate or drop off items?
- ✓ Can I have the originator of the item “Take it Back”? For example, give the rubber bands back to the postal service to use again...just leave it in your mailbox. Same for floral vases, gardening pots, corks.
- ✓ Can I Freecycle this item on [freecycle.com](http://freecycle.com)?
- ✓ Do I know of a recent fire in the area, a family in need that I could take some of these goods to?
- ✓ Can I do a clothing/goods swap with my friends or house of worship. Whatever is left over can be donated to a charity.
- ✓ Do I want to sell this on-line: E-bay, craigslist?
- ✓ Do I want to consign?
- ✓ And please let us know if you have found a great way to Pass it On or Take it Back

\*\*\*\*Most places will not accept mattresses, items that are very damaged or recalled children’s items

+++++ Please make to follow guidelines and ways to protect yourself when doing on-line sales. See Disclaimer (at end)

### ***Household Items/ Moving/Downsizing:***

Items in good condition

- ReStore for Habitat for Humanity Tuesday thru Friday 10a-6p; Saturday 9a-4p. They will also do **pick ups** of large items. Redoing kitchen, removing old furniture, house clean out, re-useable items. This includes residential toilets, extra building supplies. Great way to **reduce your cost** if you donate parts of your project or kitchen- your contractor will not need to landfill it!  
[http://www.habitat.org/cd/env/restore\\_detail.aspx?place=67](http://www.habitat.org/cd/env/restore_detail.aspx?place=67)  
Pennsauken: <http://www.habitatcamden.org/restore.html>  
Cinnaminson: [www.habitatbcnj.org/ReStore/restore.html](http://www.habitatbcnj.org/ReStore/restore.html)
- Purple Heart: They will pick up clothing, small household goods
- Vietnam Vets: They will pick up clothing and small household goods
- St Bartholomew’s: accepts household goods, clothing, shoes, material, yarn. No furniture. All proceed go to outreach such as dental services for low income people. M-F drop off. Rt 70 between Wexford Leas and Old Orchard. **Drop off**
- Goodwill. **Drop off**
- Salvation Army. The closest ones are in Vineland , Atlantic City, or Trenton. The store in Camden currently hauls the stuff to Trenton.
- St Andrew’s: furniture, children’s goods. **Drop off**

- Craigslist- post them. \*\*\*Avoid putting out personal information. Get help from someone who has done it before if you have not. Be cautious about funds. Read the disclaimers on craigslist. \*\*\*
- Freecycle- list them on the website

## **Batteries:**

Use rechargeable as much as possible. One rechargeable battery is equal to approximately 500 batteries. Alkaline's are recommended for flashlights or alarm clock's back-up during power failures.

Recycle rechargeable batteries at :

- Cherry Hill Public Works, Perina Blvd, off of Markkress
- Some schools
- The Cherry Hill's Municipal building
- Batteries Plus in Marlton NJ

Alkaline batteries can be recycled at Batteries Plus at a charge of about \$1 per pound. This way the resources are used over and over again to make new batteries. Take to Batteries Plus

## **Bedding/Blankets/Quilts:**

- Old blankets, pillows, old bath mats, sheets can be used as beds for animals looking for a new home.
  - Animal Shelters such as the ones in Voorhees
  - Animal Welfare Association: [http://www.awanj.org/site/PageServer?pagename=wish\\_list](http://www.awanj.org/site/PageServer?pagename=wish_list)
  - Animal Orphanage: [http://www.theanimalorphanage.org/?page\\_id=334](http://www.theanimalorphanage.org/?page_id=334)
- Others in good condition- give to someone who needs them or donate to a thrift store. See Household items list.
- Project Linus creates blankets or gives handmade blankets to very ill and traumatized children. Their local chapter is in Mt Holly. Contact: Wendy at (609) 694-8300. Read below for more specific information.
  - Project Linus accepts *handmade* blankets of all styles, including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans, and receiving blankets in child-friendly colors. Blankets must be new, handmade smoke free and washable. You can create a blanket that is beautiful to a child from your scrap material as well!
  - Contact Project Linus to see if they are in need of fabric. They can only use new, unused and free of contaminants such as mold, mildew and from smoke-free homes. They should be cotton or cotton/poly blends. Knits, double knits, wool, and some other materials are not acceptable.
- St Bartholomew's church in Cherry Hill on Rt 70 between Wexford Leas and Old Orchard Rd will accept material, sheets, yarn as well as other household goods/clothing.

## **Books**

- Donate to a school, the library, check with your house of worship.
- Collect books for military personnel or prisoners.
- Look into [www.paperbackswap.com](http://www.paperbackswap.com)
- and [www.half.com](http://www.half.com)

## **Brita Filters and Pitchers**

Whole Food in their Gimme 5 collection box...it is in the eating area by the far door that is closest to Greentree Road. How to dry them and prep them is listed at the Gimme 5 website. Here is a link. It also tells you how you can mail the items directly to Gimme 5. <http://www.preserveproducts.com/recycling/britafilters.html>

## **Building materials**

Restore by Habitat for Humanity- [link to restore](#)

## **Children's Items**

\*\*\*First, make sure the items have not been recalled.

- Determine if you know someone who needs the items or could use the items.
- St Andrew's collect most children's items. They also work with area shelters voucher program
- Consign
- Freecycle
- Online swapping. There are lots of these out there. Research options first for feedback.

## **Clothing**

Household goods list plus:

- Consignment shops
- On-line swapping such as [www.swapstyle.com/](http://www.swapstyle.com/). Research these

## **CD's/ DVD's/ LP's/ Games**

- Household items list +
- Sell on-line or swap. Do some research to check the track record of sites before posting.
- Tunes in Voorhees and Marlton, near Whole Foods will buy and resell LP's, CD's, DVD's .
- Play n Trade in Marlton near Whole Foods will buy games and sell discounted used games.
- If the CD's are broken, you can drop them off at Best Buy.

We are checking to see if we can increase our e-waste to include tapes, such as cassettes, VHS, and broken vinyl records.

## **CFL's:**

CFL's also referred to as fluorescent lights are a great way to reduce the electric bill. One issue is that they contain small amounts of mercury and cannot be thrown away in the garbage. They can be collected during the hazardous waste collection or you can drop them off at Home Depot or Lowe's. Another option is LED's since they do not contain any hazardous materials, also use less electricity and last a very long time.

- **Bulb type only** (the curly ones that are the size of the traditional bulbs) **No long tubes, circles.** Home Depot and Lowe's have recycling centers at their locations. Make sure to wrap in plastic or a paper bag to prevent breaking during transport; if it breaks, the mercury will be released. The Cherry Hill store has the bin near the Returns desk.
- *Cherry Hill Public Works/DPW on Perina Blvd. M-F 7- 3:30, Weds 3-6pm, Sat 8-12*
- Camden County's Hazardous Waste collection day. Check the website for drop-off dates.
- Waste Management offers containers to recycle CFL's responsibly-keep the mercury out of the incinerator and landfill. <https://www.wmlamptracker.com/v2/index.cfm>

## **Corks**

- Take to Whole foods to their collection bin located in the eating area by the far door closest to Greentree Road.
- Check with your local liquor store to see if they "take them back".

## **Dry Cleaning hangers**

Check to see if your dry cleaner will "take them back"

## **Electronics: This is a partial list of options.**

*As of 2011, no e-waste can go into the garbage.*

For more in depth info go to your township/ borough's home page or see Earth 911 or NJ Recycles.com for more information.

- Goodwill will recycle old computers, will sell TV's that are operable.
- Items that are not able to be reused- drop off at the Department of Public Works( DPW) computers, TV's, etc. Cherry Hill township's DPW will accept all electronics. It is on Perina Blvd off of Marlkrass Road and near the post office.
- List ones in good condition on craigslist or freecycle
- Check with local schools or preschools if they can use the items
- Best Buy will accept some computers
- Cartridge World recycles printer cartridges and electronics.
- Rapid Refill will recycle printer cartridges to be refilled again.
- Staples accepts all Dell electronics for free and other brands for approximately \$10. See their website: [www.staples.com/sbd/content/about/soul/recycling.html](http://www.staples.com/sbd/content/about/soul/recycling.html)
- **Cell phones:** schools, firehouses recycle them
- **Ink cartridges-** recycle and buy refilled cartridges. Cartridge world and Rapid Refill
- **Cameras:** Some stores will buy or trade. Check Le Click on Kings Hwy
- **Rechargeable batteries:** DPW, schools, library

## **Eyeglasses**

- Prescription eyeglasses can be taken to Lenscrafters (Voorhees town center) to use for their Gift of Sight program. This program uses the frames for those who cannot afford eyeglasses.
- The CH Library also has a bin to collect eyeglasses.

## **Food Waste**

This is speaking of food waste that one generates in their home or expired food. If you have items, say canned, that you realize that you will not use because your child does not like it anymore, consider donating it to a food bank, check with your house of worship, bring to a soup kitchen or the Cathedral kitchen.

- Recycle it by composting, feeding to worms or placing in a digester

## **Garden/ Flowers/ Vases/Pots**

- Grass: Grass-cycle it. It has wonderful nutrients for your grass. Compost it.
- Pots: McNaughton's will accept used pots. See if an area school that has a garden or greenhouse has a need for some.
- Christmas wreaths: Springdale Farms will reuse the picks from the wreaths
- Compost your branches, flowers, and weeds before they set to seed.
- Vases: Bring back to a florist to reuse.

## **Pet items**

- Donate to the local shelters or pet owners in need.
  - Animal Welfare Association: [http://www.awanj.org/site/PageServer?pagename=wish\\_list](http://www.awanj.org/site/PageServer?pagename=wish_list)
  - Animal Orphanage: <http://www.theanimalorphanage.org/>
- Dog food your pet no longer likes/cannot have
- Old crates, pet beds, leashes, cages, crates, etc
- Some Veterinary offices will accept the food and extra pet items and will send to the shelters

### **Plastics #3-7. Currently Only 1's and 2's are collected in Cherry Hill's Recycle Bank.**

- We are looking into a viable solution for our 3-7's. We are making sure that the plastics stay within the US and are reused instead of just burned.
- 5's can be collected at Whole Foods, Gimme 5's program.

### **Rubber Bands**

- Put them in your mailbox for the mail carrier to use again.
- A school may also be able to use them.

### **Sneakers**

- If your child has had a spurt and hardly or never wore the sneakers, pass them on to someone who could use them or donate to a thrift store, or house of worship that collects the items.
- Look into Soles 4 Souls. Some businesses, like DiGiulio's, collect the shoes and will give you an incentive/discount to apply to purchasing a new pair of shoes.
- For those sneakers that have had their fill of use, check out Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program will use old sneakers to make flooring, and surfaces for running tracks, basketball courts and playgrounds.

### **Wigs**

Any wigs in good condition that are less than 3 years old can be donated to the American Cancer Society on Old Cuthbert Road.

Check with the wig store to see if the vendor will take them back to use again, especially if they are made from real hair.

### **Notice/Disclaimer**

This list is a reference tool and does not include all options. The places listed have no affiliation with and are independent from Sustainable Cherry Hill. When conducting business with any of these options listed, ask for help and do research with any information/processes/businesses you are not familiar with.

With any hazardous waste materials, please be careful in transporting the items.