



Take It Or Leave It

1997 - ???



What is The Take it or Leave it?

- The EDRS currently runs a very successful, extremely popular program called the take it or leave it. It serves both an environmental and or social/economic function within our region.
- The program fulfills a need by residents to find new homes for items they no longer need or use and for those residents who need gently used items at no charge.

The Beginning

The take it or leave it program began in 1997. At first, it was in a much smaller space but as time went by the need for a larger more developed program became apparent. The program has changed and evolved through out the years and will continue to do so.



The 1st change





The 2nd Change







Problems

- Through out the life span of the program many challenges have been encountered. At times we considered, and in fact did, suspended the program. As a result the program has been Revamped a number of times. Just like any program there will be issues that need to be addressed.



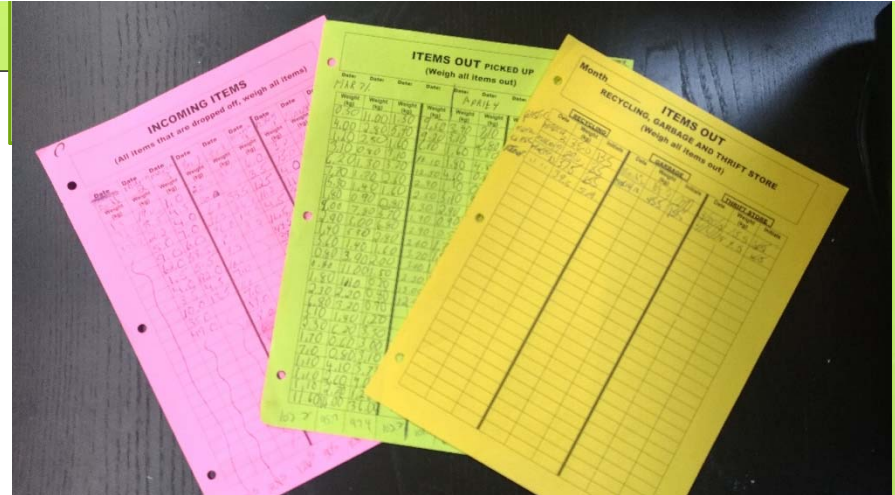


Now



Key Changes

- dedicated, separated parking areas for Take and Leave operations
- single-file Leave and Take weigh scales with volunteer operators
- written protocol for which Left items to accept/reject
- efficient and renewably powered building, constructed by community volunteers using sustainable building practices



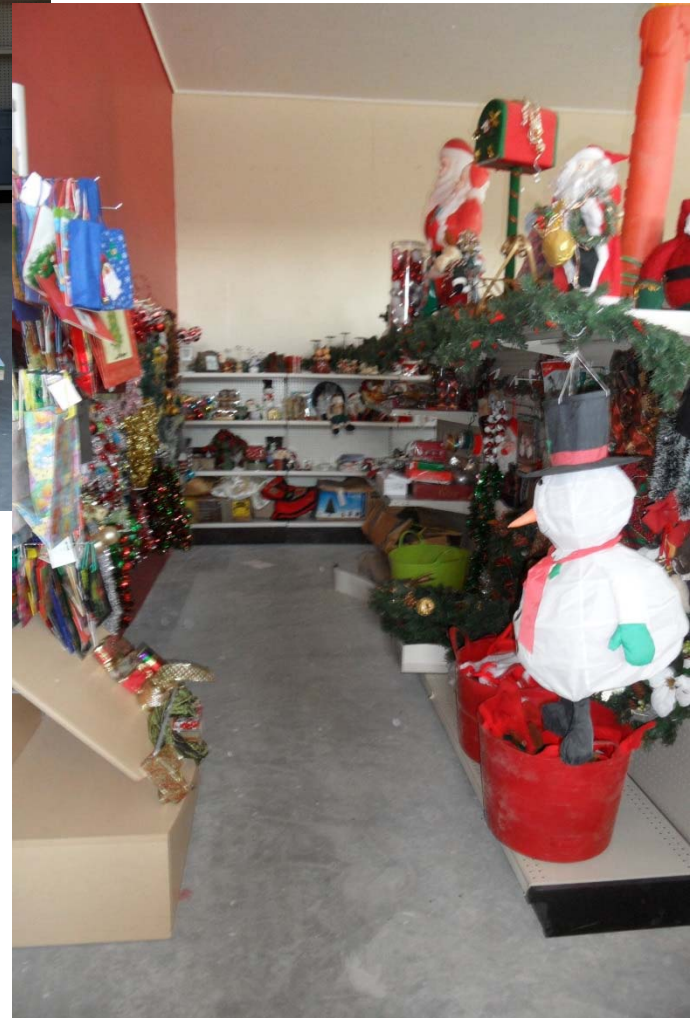
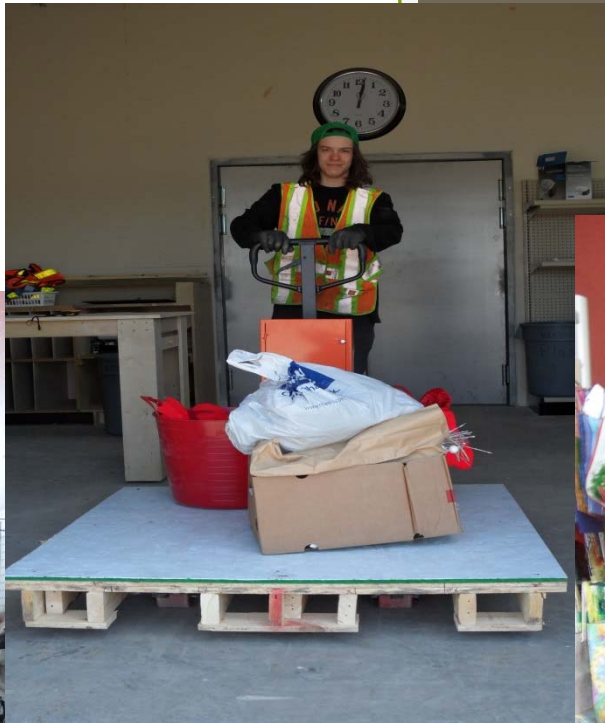


Three overlapping spreadsheets are shown, each with a different colored header: pink, green, and yellow. The pink spreadsheet is titled 'INCOMING ITEMS' and the green spreadsheet is titled 'ITEMS OUT PICKED UP'. The yellow spreadsheet is titled 'ITEMS OUT' and 'RECYCLING'. Each spreadsheet has columns for 'Date', 'Item', 'Quantity', and 'Value'. The yellow spreadsheet also has a section for 'RECYCLING' with columns for 'Material', 'Quantity', and 'Value'.



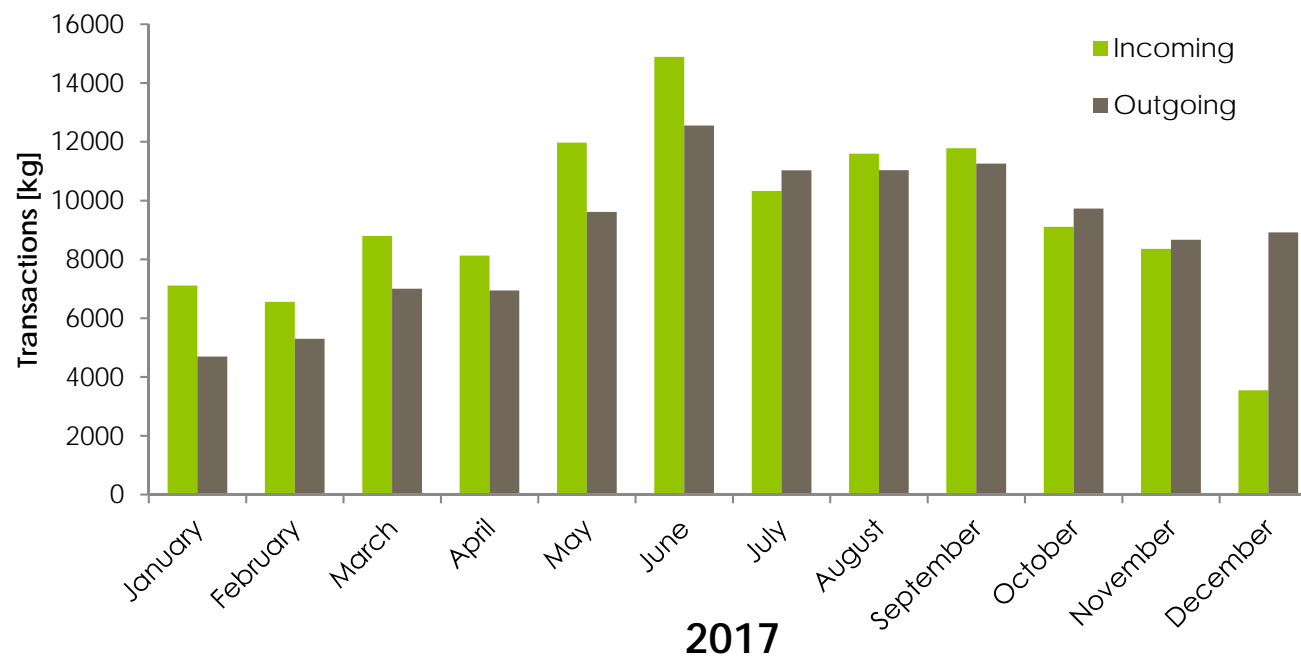
POLICIES:

- Take it or leave it: Accepted and non Accepted Items.
- Take it or Leave it : Protocols
- Electronics Policy
- Chemicals Policy (Cleaners, Shampoos, Lotions, etc.)

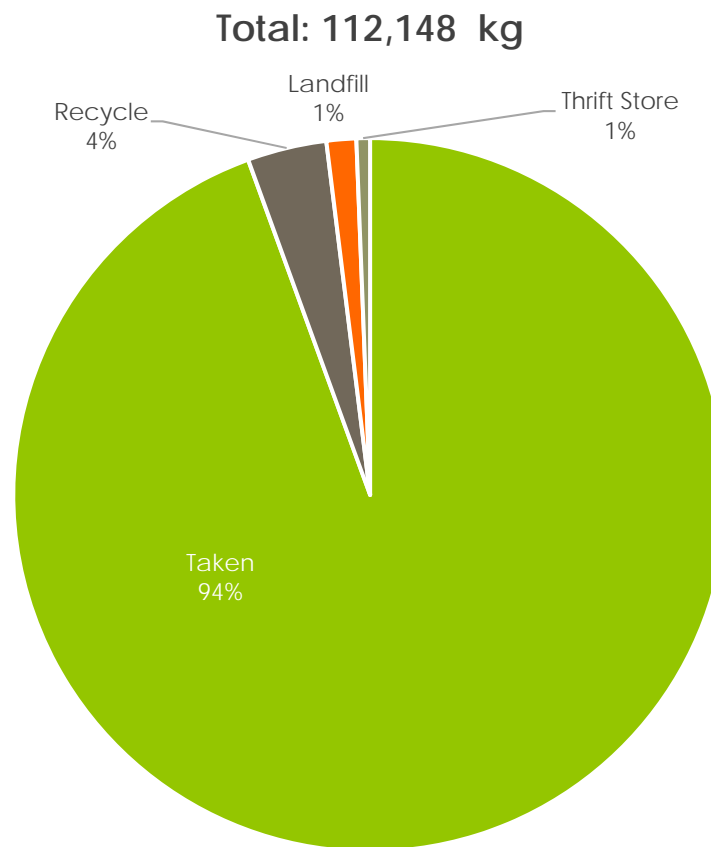




2017 Transactions



Destination of Incoming Items



2017 Community Impact

- Diversion of 112,148 kg of items from landfill to places that want them, including schools, daycares, and women's shelter
- 2017 solar power generation: 15.26 MWh
- 2017 volunteer contributions: 1460 hours
- 2017 staff contributions: 1386 hours
- Employment opportunities for individuals facing adversity

