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KEEPING THE BALL ROLLING: REPAIR CAFÉS IN SASKATCHEWAN

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WHAT IS A REPAIR CAFÉ?

- POP-UP ONE DAY EVENT
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS BRING IN BROKEN HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- VOLUNTEERS REPAIR ITEMS FOR FREE
- VOLUNTEERS OFFER THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN LEARN HOW TO FIX THINGS FROM THE VOLUNTEERS



REPAIR CAFES ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO CONSIDER
REPAIRING ITEMS BEFORE THROWING THEM AWAY

WHAT'S NEEDED FOR A REPAIR CAFE

- FREQUENCY – ANYWHERE FROM ONCE A MONTH TO ONCE A YEAR
- BUDGET?
 - ADVERTISING
 - VENUE
 - LUNCH/SNACKS FOR VOLUNTEERS
 - REPAIR MATERIALS
 - VOLUNTEER COORDINATION



POSSIBLE REPAIR STATIONS



- COMPUTERS
- AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT
- WOODEN ITEMS
- SMALL ENGINES
- CLOTHING AND TEXTILES
- DARNING
- STUFFIE/TOY REPAIR
- SMALL ELECTRONICS
- BIKE REPAIR
- COSTUME JEWELRY REPAIR
- KNIFE SHARPENING
- SHOE MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS
- GLUE & TAPE STATION
- WELDING & WOOD SHOP

SWRC'S REPAIR CAFÉ GUIDEBOOK

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Disclaimer: Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council cannot be held liable for any damages arising from carrying out the advice contained in this guidebook. Local organisers must cover potential risks themselves and they are responsible for safety in their Repair Cafe.

LIBRARY OF THINGS



- THE SASKATOON REPAIR CAFÉ PARTNERS WITH THE LIBRARY OF THINGS YXE
- THE LIBRARY OF THINGS IS A HUB FOR BORROWING A HUGE VARIETY OF THINGS
- PARTNERING WITH THE REPAIR CAFÉ HELPS KEEP THEIR LENDABLE ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION



Thank you!



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