

O'CONNOR TOWNSHIP WASTE DISPOSAL GUIDE

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Diverting waste from the O'Connor Township Disposal Site is an important objective for all current and future residents. Waste reduction and diversion initiatives can help conserve resources and promote a litter free municipality and aid in a healthier environment.

This guide is a helpful reference for the residents and property owners of the Township of O'Connor. Our goal is for O'Connor residents, Staff and Council to join in a collective effort to maintain this beautiful community, keeping it clean and green. Country living at its best!

The information contained in this document was current and up to date at the time it was posted, however businesses and organizations do change, so please, call ahead before dropping items off.

Call Ahead

Respect the property and policies of the business/organization that is accepting your items—do not leave items outside of designated areas and do not drop items off after hours.

Is It Free?

Note that some places charge a fee to accept your items—please call ahead to find out if you are unsure. Recognize the fact that waste disposal costs money and needs to be considered as part of the cost of using the product. This is good motivation to remember the 6Rs of waste reduction, specifically Reduce! Before you make a purchase, ask yourself if there is an alternative, and how are you going to deal with the product when you have finished with it.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Have you ever wondered what it means to have zero waste or how one achieves zero waste? It takes a lot of practice, ingenuity, and perseverance to achieve such a feat, so here are the steps you can learn to try. Maybe you won't be able to achieve all of them right away, but every little bit helps.

1. **REFUSE** what you do not need; refuse to buy wasteful, non-recyclable, non-necessity products and short-lived products that will likely end up in the disposal site. Making smarter purchasing decisions can help “refuse” waste in the first place.
2. **REDUCE** the use of harmful, wasteful, and non-recyclable products. Get clear about what you need and simply cut back on what you do not need. Reducing dependency on these kinds of products results in less waste materials ending up in the landfill and the associated negative environmental impacts.
3. **REUSE** items instead of buying new ones. This step does not have to be expensive. Buy second hand or make it yourself! Repair broken items. Breathe new life into your wardrobe by participating in clothing swaps! Get creative!
4. **REPURPOSE** every item that cannot be refused, reduced, reused, or recycled such as old clothes, or household items. You may be surprised to learn how many common items serve more than one purpose. Sometimes it requires using some creativity, but the possibilities are endless.
5. **RECYCLE** all items possible once you have gone through all of the other R's. This is the most environmentally friendly waste disposal method.

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6. **ROT THE REST!** In other words, Compost! Compost plant materials like veggie scraps, fruit peels and seeds, nut shells, as well as eggshells, coffee grinds, loose tea, brown paper, and fireplace ashes. Not sure how? Research online or reserve a book from the Oliver-Paipoonge Library.

The Township of O'Connor Disposal Site takes refuse such as:

- Recyclable items including aluminum and tin cans, #1 through #7 plastics, paper, cardboard, tetra paks, cartons, and audio-visual electrical equipment,
- Wood products, glass, scrap metal and tires,
- Items not suitable for reuse, including appliances (charge for items with freon), furniture, textiles, and upholstery.

Feeling any lighter now that you have diverted all that waste? Keep working on it. You have the potential to minimize your waste footprint should you choose a simpler and more sustainable lifestyle.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

It is not always easy to identify products that are hazardous. Consumers are often relying on product labels as their only source of information, and the label may not list all the ingredients. The easiest way to determine if a product is potentially hazardous is if it bears any one of the following symbols or signal words such as Danger, Warning, Poison, Caution, Caustic, Irritant or Volatile. Products labeled Danger are the most hazardous and products labelled Caution are the least hazardous. If the product you wish to dispose of is marked DANGER or POISON, this indicates that it is toxic, corrosive, or extremely flammable. WARNING or CAUTION indicates that the product is slightly toxic.

CORROSIVE



TOXIC



FLAMMABLE



REACTIVE



Disposal of all these products poses a threat to the environment if not handled correctly. Please keep hazardous waste in the original container with its label. Never mix hazardous wastes together. Please refer to this guide to determine where you are to dispose of your hazardous waste items.

The Township of O'Connor does NOT take hazardous waste items such as:

- Paint and Hazardous Coatings, Solvents
- Drain Cleaner
- Mercury Thermometers
- Used Motor Oil, Antifreeze
- Empty Propane Tanks
- Antifreeze
- Spot Remover
- Household Batteries
- Spent Fluorescent Tubes and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- Herbicides, Pesticides, Fertilizers, Insecticides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Household Cleaners
- Oven Cleaner

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AEROSOL CANS

Do not place in regular garbage unless empty. Aerosols are explosive and the propellants used in their manufacturing can cause health effects. Look for non-aerosol alternatives.

- **GFL Environmental**, 26 Haniak Road, 807-939-2994

ANTIFREEZE

Used or leftover antifreeze should be handled carefully to avoid spills, as it is very toxic. Its sweet taste makes it especially dangerous to children, pets, and wildlife. No amount of antifreeze should ever be dumped on the ground, left spilled or left open.

APPLIANCES

Small and large electronic appliances such as blenders or vacuums are NOT accepted in the Waste Electronic and Electrical Recycling bin. These items, if suitable for reuse, may be brought to the Salvation Army. If not suitable for use, consider selling on Kijiji for parts. People are always looking for parts to fix up their own items.

ASBESTOS

Asbestos is a mineral fibre found in rocks. It has been used in a variety of products for its fire-retardant properties. Older sheet flooring and vermiculite insulation are two products that may contain asbestos, which has been banned because of health effects. Removing asbestos or products that contain asbestos is **not a do-it-yourself job** - **contact an expert**. Check the Yellow Pages under Asbestos Removal & Abatement or Insulation Contractors.

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Audio-visual equipment (Waste Electronics and Electrical Equipment, WEEE) is to be placed in the large shipping container (WEEE bin) located at the O'Connor Disposal Site. Examples are computers, peripherals (keyboards, mice), monitors, printers, televisions, telephones, copiers, stereos, radios, and other audio-visual equipment. Please place items with caution to ensure they receive no further damage. NO batteries please.

AUTOMOBILES

Check local Yellow Pages under "Auto Wrecking" or "Scrap Metal" for companies that will accept/dispose of and offer payment depending upon weight.

BATTERIES

Used batteries must not be placed in the landfill, as they can release potentially toxic metals such as nickel, zinc, lead, mercury, lithium, cobalt and cadmium into the soil, water, and air. Like many environmental initiatives, battery recycling relies on commitment from the end-user. The environmental advantages are substantial, so try to resist the urge to bury those batteries at the bottom of the bin and take them instead to an appropriate collection point to help protect the environment for the future.

- **AA, AAA, C, D, 9, 6 & 12V**
 - **Ecosuperior**, 562 Red River Road, 807-624-2140 (not 12V)
 - **Home Depot**, 359 Main Street, 807-624-1100
 - **Magnacharge Battery**, 665 Beaverhall Pl., 807-622-8225
 - **Staples**, 767 Memorial Ave., 807-343-2506
 - **Thunder Bay Public Library** (all branches), 807-345-8275
- **BUTTON BATTERIES**
 - **Home Depot**, 359 Main Street, 807-624-1100

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- **Magnacharge Battery**, 665 Beaverhall Pl., 807-622-8225
- **Staples**, 767 Memorial Ave., 807-343-2506
- **Thunder Bay Public Library** (all branches), 807-345-8275
- **CAR BATTERIES**
 - **Auto Parts Central**, 1239 Amber Drive, 807-344-6800
 - **Lakehead Alternator and Starter Co. Ltd.** (side door), 1239 Amber Drive, 807-345-9601
 - **Magnacharge Battery**, 665 Beaverhall Pl., 807-622-8225
 - **I & M Electric**, 580 Squier Street, 807-345-3151
- **RECHARGEABLE HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, CELL PHONE & LAPTOP BATTERIES**
 - **Home Depot**, 359 Main Street, 807-624-1100
 - **Magnacharge Battery**, 665 Beaverhall Pl., 807-622-8225
 - **Staples**, 767 Memorial Ave., 807-343-2506
 - **The Source**, Intercity Mall, 807-622-8530
 - **Thunder Bay Public Library** (all branches - rechargeable batteries only), 807-345-8275
- **RECHARGEABLE TOOL BATTERIES**
 - **Home Depot**, 359 Main Street, 807-624-1100

BICYCLES – Please see Habitat for Humanity page 11 of this guide.

BOOKS/MAGAZINES/COMICS – Please see Salvation Army page 11 of this guide.

BUILDING MATERIALS - Please see Habitat for Humanity page 11 of this guide for any unused building materials.

CANS

Aluminum and tin cans should be placed into the Recycling Bin at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

Pop and Beer cans (should you wish to donate) should go into the O'Connor Fire Department Charity Bin also located at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

CARDBOARD

All cardboard should be dry, flattened and placed into the Recycling Bin at the O'Connor Disposal Site. This includes corrugated boxes, boxboard (boxes from cereal, chip, or crackers, etc.), file folders and business cards. Please remove any soiled parts of food, oil, water saturation, etc. from boxes. Please NO styrofoam or packaging of any sort.

CARTONS (MILK OR JUICE)

All milk and juice cartons should be rinsed out prior to disposal. These are accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site and should be placed in the Recycling Bin with the Plastics and Aluminum Cans.

CHRISTMAS TREES – See **TREES** page 10 of this guide.

CLEANING PRODUCTS

Any items that are labeled toxic, corrosive, or poisonous are considered Hazardous Waste and are NOT accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

- **GFL Environmental**, 26 Haniak Road, 807-939-2994

CLOTHING – Clothing should not be disposed of at the O'Connor Disposal site. Clothing can decompose. As they do, they release landfill gas, a toxic brew of air pollutants that includes greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide and methane. A lot of landfill gas is simply vented into the atmosphere. Methane is known to trap heat, and

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that means it poses a huge global warming problem. Please see Salvation Army page 11 of this guide to see how you can dispose of old, unwanted clothing. Alternatively, you can bring it to the Community Clothing Assistance at 404 May Street North or drop it off at any Diabetes Canada donation bin. (See below for bin locations)

Diabetes bin locations: Canadian Tire, 1221 Arthur Street West, Habitat for Humanity, 660 Squier Street, Real Canadian Superstore, 600 Harbour Expressway, Waterloo Place (next to Tim's Whole Health), 160 Waterloo Street North.

COAT HANGERS - Please see Salvation Army page 11 of this guide.

CD's/TAPES/RECORDS - Please see Salvation Army page 11 of this guide.

COMPOSTABLES

By composting your kitchen and yard "waste," you can reduce the amount of material going to the landfill by 30%. Also, compost makes great food and mulch for plants, replacing chemical fertilizers. Compost improves soil structure and texture and increases its moisture-holding capacity, reducing watering needs.

Just remember composting works best with adequate food, moisture, air, and warmth. Place coarse material such as twigs or thick stems on the bottom to allow air to flow under the pile.

Add alternate layers of:

Carbon or Brown materials

- Dry Leaves
- Sawdust
- Twigs
- Straw

Nitrogen or Green materials

- Fresh Grass Clippings
- Fruit and Vegetable Scraps
- Coffee Grounds and Tea Bags
- Manure
- Eggshells
- Garden Refuse

CRAFT SUPPLIES/MARKERS/CRAYONS – Call the local schools for items they may be able to use.

DEHUMIDIFIERS – Please see **FREON** page 7 of this guide.

DIAPERS – Wet diapers can go into the regular garbage at the O'Connor Disposal Site; however, we do ask that soiled diapers be bagged separately and NOT be placed in the compactor truck. Soiled diapers MUST be placed in the hole.

EYEGASSES

Some local optical shops collect and ship useable eyeglasses for use in developing countries. These include:

- Hakim Optical, 1086 Memorial Avenue, 807-577-2020

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Check your tags to find out when your fire extinguishers are due to be refilled and certified.

- **Superior Safety**, 782 MacDonnell Street, 807-344-3473 (will dispose of tanks that cannot be recertified)

FLOORING/CARPETING

Leftover tiles in full boxes may be returned to your retailer in most cases. Older flooring or carpets that are clean and fit for re-use may be accepted at Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Note that some older sheet flooring may contain asbestos—consult a flooring expert before you remove such flooring as it could be hazardous. Any flooring/carpeting unfit for reuse will be accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site and must be placed in the

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area sited for "Upholstery and Textiles." Any large rollable items should be rolled up and secured to keep the area tidy.

FLUORESCENT LIGHTS & COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS (CFL'S)

While fluorescent lights are the recommended energy-efficient choice for lighting, they do contain a small amount of mercury. A very toxic substance, mercury is the reason behind many of the fish consumption advisories in our region. Therefore, when fluorescent bulbs burn out, they should not be put in the regular garbage.

- **RESIDENTIAL**
 - **Westburne Electric Supply (tubes must be boxed or packaged, fee for disposal),** 1231 Amber Drive, 807-344-3100
 - **Gescan (fee for disposal),** 565 Dunlop Street, 807-623-8404
- **COMMERCIAL**
 - **MGM Electric (fee for disposal, PCB free ballasts ALSO accepted),** 724 MacDonnell Street, 807-345-7767
 - **Westburne Electric Supply (fee for disposal),** 1231 Amber Drive, 807-344-3100

FREON (FRIDGES, FREEZERS, A/C UNITS, [DE]HUMIDIFIERS, WATER COOLERS)

Items containing freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, (de)humidifiers, air conditioners, may be dropped off at the Township of O'Connor Disposal Site for a \$20 fee per item. Anything with a door or a lid, must have the door/lid removed. Items cannot be brought to the Disposal Site until a receipt of payment has been issued. Please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 for instructions on how to properly dispose of your items.

FUEL

- **USED FUEL COLLECTION AND STORAGE**
 - **GFL Environmental,** 26 Haniak Road, 807-939-2994
- **EMPTY TANKS (must show holes to prove tanks have been purged)**
 - **Harbour Metals,** 700 Montreal Street, 807-577-0873

FURNITURE

Furniture that is unsuitable for reuse will be accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site and must be placed in the area sited for "Upholstery and Textiles." Any furniture with treated wood should go to the "Treated Wood" pile. If your furniture is acceptable for reuse, post an ad in the local newsletter or on Kijiji and perhaps you can make a few dollars on your item, or for donations, please see Salvation Army page 11 of this guide.

GIFT WRAP/GREETING CARDS

Gift wrap is not recyclable because of the high ink content used in the paper. To avoid waste, try wrapping gifts in reusable bags, fabric, towels, blankets, newsprint, or old maps. Greeting cards and gift wrap can be re-used in crafts or cut up to create gift tags.

GLASS

Glass in the form of wine, beer and spirit containers purchased in Ontario on or after February 5, 2007, may be returned to The Beer Store (or other designated Bulk Return Locations) for a full deposit refund. However, they are also accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site as a donation to the O'Connor Fire Department and should be placed in the O'Connor Fire Department Charity Bin.

All other glass bottles and jars, mirrors, door glass, windows (not acceptable for reuse), etc. are accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site and must be placed in the area sited for "Glass."

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HUMIDIFIERS – Please see **FREON** page 7 this guide.

INSULATION

Insulation not suitable for reuse is accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site. For leftovers suitable for keeping, use them to soundproof interior walls or for extra insulation in the attic. Should you not wish to keep usable material, please donate to Habitat for Humanity. For more information, please see Habitat for Humanity page 11 of this guide.

MEDICINES & PHARMACEUTICALS

Whether expired or not, medications can not only clog your septic system, but they also harm the biological processes needed for a healthy septic system. Expired or unused non-prescription and prescription drugs should be disposed of properly by a pharmacy. Please call your pharmacy to see who accepts unwanted medication and pharmaceuticals.

MERCURY

In effort to refuse hazardous waste, buy digital thermometers to avoid having to dispose of mercury ones. Should you need to dispose of one, please call:

- **THERMOMETERS Ecco Supply**, 1131 Central Ave., 807-346-4464

METAL

Scrap metal is accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site. All scrap metal **MUST** be placed in the area sited for "Scrap Metal." Examples include metal from old cars, steel beams, household appliances, tire rims, etc. Dry and Empty paint cans are permitted in the "Scrap Metal" pile. For full cans, please see **PAINT** this guide.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - Please see Habitat for Humanity page 11 this guide.

OIL & OIL RELATED PRODUCTS

- **HOME HEATING OIL**
 - **GFL Environmental**, 26 Haniak Road, 807-939-2994
- **MOTOR OIL, USED OIL FILTERS, ABSORBENTS, OILY RAGS**
 - **GFL Environmental**, 26 Haniak Road, 807-939-2994

PAINT (LATEX ONLY)

Habitat for Humanity will take full or unopened cans of latex paint. Dry and empty paint cans may be brought to the O'Connor Disposal Site and disposed of in the "Scrap Metal" pile. For cans that are only partially full, use your imagination to use it on another project, or ask your family and neighbours if they could use it.

PAINT REMOVERS/SOLVENTS – This is a Hazardous Waste and is **NOT** accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

- **GFL Environmental**, 26 Haniak Road, 807-939-2994

PAPER/PAPER PRODUCTS

All paper must be placed in the Recycling Bin at the O'Connor Disposal Site. This bin is **NOT** for items such as toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, wrapping paper, carbon paper or blueprints. See items below for examples and how items are to be placed.

Shredded Paper – All Shredded Paper is to be kept in a Blue Bag.

Non-Shredded Paper – All non-shredded paper should **NOT** be bagged. Examples include newspapers, flyers, catalogues, phone books, junk mail, envelopes, all writing paper, fine paper, etc.

PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS – This is a Hazardous Waste and is **NOT** accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

- **GFL Environmental**, 26 Haniak Road, 807-939-2994

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PET WASTE/CAT LITTER

All pet waste/cat litter **MUST** be bagged separately and **NOT** be placed in the compactor truck at the O'Connor Disposal Site. Pet waste and cat litter **MUST** be placed in the hole.

PLASTICS

All #1 through #7 plastics are accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site and should be placed in the Recycling Bin. To determine which type of plastic you have, look at the bottom of the container for the triangular symbol. In that symbol, you should see a number. Examples of these plastics are juice or milk bottles, clam shell containers (strawberries, raspberries, etc.), peanut butter jars, cooking oil bottles, containers and lids, medicine bottles, Windex bottles, disposable cutlery, CD/DVD cases, etc.

Please ensure that all items are rinsed and dried and lids disposed of. Please do not throw plastic bags, plastic wrap, styrofoam, or hazardous waste bottles in the Recycling Bin.

PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS

Plastic shopping bags (aside from those holding refuse) should be donated to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank for reuse. Plastic shopping bags for the Rural Cupboard Food Bank can be dropped off at the O'Connor Township Office. Please do not throw excess bags out at the Disposal Site as they create significant litter issues.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

- **REUSE** (Some cartridges may be re-filled)
 - **Lakehead Ink Jet & Toner**, 714 May Street N., 807-623-9011
- **RECYCLE**
 - **Lakehead Ink Jet & Toner**, 714 May Street N., 807-623-9011
 - **Lowerys**, 540 Central Avenue, 807-344-6666
 - **Staples**, 767 Memorial Avenue, 807-343-2506

PROPANE TANKS

Empty tanks with valves removed may be brought to the O'Connor Disposal Site and placed in the metal pile. If the valves are not removed, Dutchak Scrap Metal Ltd. will take them as long as they are empty, however you will not get a full payment for the weight.

- **EMPTY TANKS**
 - **Dutchak Scrap Metal Ltd.**, 705 Hammond Avenue, 807-346-4785

SHARPS/NEEDLES

- **PERSONAL USE** (Phone your Pharmacy or the local Health Unit for instructions on safe disposal of used sharps)
 - **Thunder Bay District Health Unit**, 999 Balmoral Street, (needle and syringe disposal bin)
- **DISCOVERED SHARPS/NEEDLES** (Do not try to pick them up yourself, call a professional first)
 - **Thunder Bay District Health Unit**, 999 Balmoral Street, (needle and syringe disposal bin)
 - **Superior Points**, 807-621-7861 or 807-621-7862 or 807-621-4520

SPORTING GOODS

Any sports equipment suitable for reuse should be brought to the Salvation Army. Alternatively, if you bring your items to Play it Again Sports, they may be able to give you some money in return for your items.

STYROFOAM

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Styrofoam items such as egg cartons and coffee cups cannot be recycled. Look for more environmentally friendly options such as fibre egg cartons and reusable coffee mugs. Styrofoam pellets can be reused for packaging fragile items or even used in kids' crafts.

TETRA PAKS (JUICE, MILK OR SOUP)

Tetra paks of juice, milk or soup should be placed in the Recycling Bin at the O'Connor Disposal Site. Please give your items a rinse before bringing them to the site. Tetra paks of wine or liquor are returnable at the Beer Store. Alternatively, if you wish to donate your wine or liquor tetra paks, please place in the O'Connor Fire Department Charity Bin located at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

THERMAL COOLERS

These must be crushed in the compactor truck at the O'Connor Disposal Site to reduce the amount of space they take in the hole.

TIRES

Tires of all sizes may be brought to the O'Connor Disposal Site free of charge and placed in the area sited for "Tires". If possible, we ask that tire rims be removed and placed in the "Scrap Metal" pile.

TOILETS

Toilets that are acceptable for reuse may be brought to Habitat for Humanity. Please refer to page 11 of this guide. Toilets that are not acceptable for reuse should be placed in the area sited for "Glass" and NOT in the compactor truck as this could cause a hazard for our Disposal Site Attendants.

TOYS - Please see Salvation Army, page 11 of this guide.

TREES

Trees, limbs, brush, Christmas trees (free of decoration) should be placed in the Burn Pile at the O'Connor Disposal Site with the other "Clean Wood" products.

WATER COOLERS – Please see **FREON** page 7 of this guide.

WOOD

Clean Wood – Any clean wood should be placed in the "Burn Pile" at the O'Connor Disposal Site. This includes anything that is NOT painted, glued, varnished or pressure treated. Examples of this are pallets, skids, trees, brush, etc.

Treated Wood – Any treated wood should be placed in the "Treated Wood Pile" at the O'Connor Disposal Site. This includes all wooden furniture or any painted, glued, varnished or pressure treated wood.

YARD WASTE – Please see **COMPOSTABLES** page 6 of this guide.

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SALVATION ARMY

Donations of gently used clothing and household items are at the heart of this organization. They rely on the generosity of Canadians to fulfill their mission of making a positive impact in the communities in which they operate.

By bringing what you no longer need to your local Salvation Army Thrift Store, you are helping to care for people in your community when they need help the most. **You can make a difference to a neighbor in need in your community just by donating what you no longer need.**

The Salvation Army is located at 915 Memorial Avenue in Thunder Bay. For questions or more information, please call 807-343-0411.



The image shows a blue sign for a Salvation Army Thrift Store. At the top left is the Salvation Army logo, a red shield with a white cross and the words 'THE SALVATION ARMY'. To its right, the words 'THRIFT STORE' are written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below this, the phrase 'DONATIONS ACCEPTED' is written in large, white, bold capital letters. A horizontal line separates this from a list of accepted items: ACCESSORIES, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, CLOTHING, COMPUTERS, ELECTRONICS, FURNITURE, HOUSEWARES, MEDIA & BOOKS, SEASONAL ITEMS, TEXTILES, and TOYS. At the bottom, in small white text, it says: 'Our Thrift Store welcomes donations daily, however, there are some items we are unable to accept due to sanitary and health and safety concerns. These include: used mattresses and box springs, sofa beds, used wall-to-wall carpets, hazardous materials (e.g. paints), propane tanks, barbecues, infant equipment (e.g. car seats, cribs and strollers), tires and auto parts.' At the very bottom, the website 'www.thriftstore.ca' is listed in white.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Moving or downsizing and have items you no longer need? Planning a home renovation or is it just time to de-clutter and renew your space? Instead of tossing your unwanted household items, donate them to Habitat for Humanity ReStore and do something good for your community and the environment!

When you donate items to the ReStore, you are helping Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay achieve its mission to build safe, decent homes for working, low-income families, through our unique affordable home ownership program. You are also helping the environment by enabling the ReStore to recycle perfectly re-usable household items and provide them with a second home, reducing your environmental footprint!

The ReStore accepts furniture, home decor and home building products from individuals and local businesses. Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay is a registered charity, and a tax receipt will be issued for most ReStore donations. See page 12 for Donation Guidelines.

The ReStore is located at 660 Squire Street in Thunder Bay. For questions or more information, please call 807-346-4884.

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Donation Guidelines

All donated items should be in clean, working condition, with no rust, broken parts, or mold.

Category	Yes, please!	No, thank you.
Appliances	Refrigerator (no commercial, no built-in), freezer, stove, vent hood, washer, dryer. Less than 10 years old.	Used dishwashers, wall or double ovens, microwaves, garbage disposals, cooktops.
Architectural Items	Mantles (factory painted or stained), columns, framed stained glass, wrought iron stairs, railings, spindles, and fireplaces/fireplace inserts.	
Building Materials	Drywall (4'x4' or 4'x8'), lumber (6ft. or longer), plywood (2'x4' or 4'x8'), baseboard, and trim (6ft. or longer bundled). Remove nails and screws. Bagged insulation.	Used deck wood, particle board shelving.
Bathroom	Sinks, toilets, jetted tubs, factory molded sinks, cast iron sinks, new tubs, medicine cabinets, new shower surrounds, vanities w/ top & bottom smaller than 5ft., less than 20 years old.	Shower doors, unframed mirrors or glass.
Carpet/Rugs	New carpet only, rolled and must be at least 10'x12', new rugs or professionally cleaned. Please write size on the back with permanent marker.	Used carpet or carpet pad.
Doors	Interior (wood and metal, bi-fold, glass, and limited hollow core). Exterior (metal or glass). Remove and bag door hardware.	Used shower doors, painted, mirrored doors, exterior wood, garage doors or openers. No mold.
Electrical - Current Code	Electrical parts, wire, hardware, outlets, plate covers, light switches - residential only, electronic items (TVs, computers, CD/DVD players). (White only).	No beige plate covers or hardware.
Flooring: Hardwood/Laminate/Vinyl - New Only!	Hardwood, laminate, and vinyl (8'x6' and larger). Please write size on the back of vinyl with permanent marker.	Used flooring
Furniture	Couches & loveseats (pickup only), dressers, end tables, dining tables, chairs, side tables, home office desks (6' or less), bed frames, futons, office furniture, 4-drawer file cabinets, and recliners.	Pattern upholstery, cubicles, entertainment centers, sofa beds.
Hardware	Knobs, hinges, nails, screws, nuts, bolts, boxes of fasteners, and locks. Drop-off only.	Cans or jars of fasteners.
Home Exterior	New shingles, new insulation, gutters, shutters, and siding.	Hardie board and garage doors or openers.
HVAC - Modern. 10yrs	Air conditioners, furnaces, central air systems, water heaters. Residential size only. Seasonally accepted.	
Kitchen	Laminated countertops, custom cabinets (6' or smaller runs), sinks (stainless only).	Cabinets: doors/drawers/hinges attached
Landscaping	Brick & blocks dirt free and not broken, newfencing, new edging. Will pick up if manageable.	
Lawn & Garden	Lawn furniture, yard tools, and gas grills. Seasonally accepted Apr 1 - Oct 31.	Rust, damage, gas/oil, and playgrounds.
Lighting/Ceiling Fans	Flush mount, chandeliers, sconces, and lamps.	No used pot lights or industrial lighting, shiny yellow brass, used light blubs, track lighting, fluorescent fixtures or bulbs
Paint	Full or unopened cans of latex (5 containers or less per visit). Paint supplies - brushes, rollers, paint trays. Drop off only	Oil - based or spray paint.
Plumbing	New PVC and metal piping 6ft., fixtures, parts and supplies, toilets and cast iron sinks or tubs.	Water softeners
Tile - New Only!	Ceramic, slate, porcelain, marble, VCT. Minimum 1 box.	Used Tile.
Tools - Like New!	Power tools and hand tools. Aluminum, fiberglass, or wood ladders	Recalled items, stationary large power tools, table saws, and radial arm saws.
Windows - New Only!	New complete units, metal screens, multiple pane wood windows(Like New)	Single pane, used windows, wood screens, shutters, frameless glass
Other Misc. Items	Automobile parts, electronics/TVs, exercise equipment, and musical instruments.	Children's items, clothing, mattresses or box springs, medical equipment, textiles, pianos, toxic chemicals.