

## EACoE Enviro-Notes Article: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle by Heather Gentles

Here are some of the options in and around Erin that will increase the reuse and recycling of your items. Cut and save this list for future reference.

- **East Wellington Community Services** 519-833-9696
  - New to You stores in Erin, Hillsburgh and Rockwood (clothing and shoes)
  - Bookends in Erin takes donations of books and is a great place to buy used books
  - Auto Angel Program- you can donate a vehicle to Erin Auto Recyclers and have the proceeds go to EWCS
  - Donate beer and liquor bottles to EWCS
- **Erin and Hillsburgh Libraries** recycle ink cartridges and household batteries (no rechargeable batteries)
- **The Erin Legion** 519-833-2122 recycles pop tabs from cans to make wheelchairs.
- **Kids Will Grow** 519-833-9998 carries new and used children's items. All consignment is by appointment so call first regarding your toys, clothing and other items.
- **Dr. Walcott** 519-833-2020 will take old eyeglasses and donates them to those in need.
- **PharmaPlus** 519-833-2333 will take unused & expired medicine to dispose of properly. Do not put it down your sink or toilet as it pollutes the groundwater and lakes! They do NOT take the pill bottles.
- **Erin Freecycle Network**, run by Patrick Suessmuth of Erin Hoops. Everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages. A way to find a new home for your stuff, or help you find something you need. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/erinonfreecycle>
- **Community Garage Sales**- there are a variety of organizations that take donations for fundraising garage sales such as the Special Friends, the Hillsburgh Firefighters, several churches, and the Coalition of Concerned Citizens to name a few. Check the paper and donate to a good cause, or stop by and buy used from them or the many local garage sales.
- **Upper Credit Humane Society Thrift Store** 905-702-8661, now located in Georgetown, takes good household items, small furniture, books, and clothing, The shelter in Erin takes ink cartridges.
- **Erin Auto Recyclers** 1-888-270-0133 takes metal scrap, old cars, lawnmowers, snowmobiles, appliances, car & truck batteries, oil, anti-freeze and tires. Credit River Motor Co. 519-833-0001 will take tires and Rob's Automotive 519-833-2777 will take used oil.
- **Community Living Production Works** in Fergus 519-787-1539 ext.1, takes old electronics and salvages them. This provides employment for those in the program.
- **Wastewise** in Georgetown 905-873-8122 takes reusable household items, working and non working electronics, clothing in any condition, books, some furniture, NO mattresses or box springs. They also recycle, but NO plastic, styrofoam or hazardous waste such as paint or batteries. Anything that is 85% metal they will recycle.

- **Salvation Army Thrift Stores** in Georgetown, Acton, Guelph, Orangeville and other communities take clothing, house wares, bedding, towels, and toys. NO mattresses or box springs, car seats, strollers or other children's items that may pose a safety issue.
- **Habitat for Humanity Restore** in Guelph 519-780-2323 takes reusable building materials, such as windows, doors, paint, hardware, lumber, tools, lighting fixtures and even the kitchen sink.
- **Bibles for Missions** in Guelph 519-821-2498 takes large furniture in good condition, which they will pick it up in Erin for a fee (around \$25), as well as a wide variety of other items including house wares, and clothing.
- **Value Village** in Guelph 519-821-9994 and other communities. Takes a wide variety of items including small furniture, clothing, and house wares.
- **Play It Again Sports** in Guelph 519-822-0990 and other communities. Bring in quality sports equipment and quality used fitness equipment for trade or cash.
- **Reuse Centre** at the Belwood Waste Facility. You pay to drop off small furniture, sporting goods, toys, books, house wares, etc, but those who reuse them do not pay.  
[www.wellington.ca/community\\_section.aspx?id=899](http://www.wellington.ca/community_section.aspx?id=899)
- [www.dowhatyoucan.ca](http://www.dowhatyoucan.ca) will help you find places to drop-off household hazardous and special wastes and unwanted electronics
- <http://www.wellington.reuses.com/> free reuse network and recyclopedia- allows you to look up specific items to find out what you can do with them
- Google: second hand stores, thrift stores, consignment shops for additional stores in the surrounding areas. Also [www.kijiji.ca](http://www.kijiji.ca) and [www.craigslist.ca](http://www.craigslist.ca) offer free classified ads.