

Curbside Swap Host Manual

What is a Curbside Swap?

At a Curbside Swap, participating households mark items as “[FREE](#)” and set them on their curb for others to collect. This keeps reusable items out of our landfill and reduces our community’s environmental footprint.

How it works

On the morning of your swap, place your clean, useable and unwanted items out on your curb.

Clearly mark all items in the swap as “[FREE](#)” (printable “Free” signs are available at saskatoon.ca/curbsideswap).

After that, all items are up for others to pick-up for free.

At the end of the day of the swap, return any unclaimed items back to your home along with all your newfound treasures.

What are the benefits of a Curbside Swap?

Curbside Swaps build a sense of community as participants plan together for an event, and travel through the neighbourhood and the city to find items.

Curbside Swaps are an environmentally friendly way to dispose of unwanted items and lessen household clutter. Items do not go to the landfill; instead, they find a new home and are reused.

Hosting a Curbside Swap

Any neighbourhood or individual can host a Curbside Swap. Consider working with your Community Association. To find the Community Association for your neighbourhood: saskatoon.ca/communityassociations.

Participant Guidelines

- Clearly mark all items that you wish to swap as “[FREE](#)”.
- Remove items from your lawn and curb that you wish to keep.
- Do not block Sidewalk/roads with items.
- Obey all traffic laws and watch for children.
- Do not drive/walk on other people’s lawns.
- Do not discard items on someone else’s lawn/curb.
- No more than four swaps may be conducted from one site in one calendar year (see [garage and yard sale considerations](#)).

What items can be swapped?

Acceptable items include:

- Appliances
- Bicycles
- Tools
- Furniture
- Books/movies/CDs/DVDs
- Kitchen utensils
- Building material
- Computers and electronics
- Yard and garden equipment
- Clothes
- Usable paint
- Sporting goods
- Musical instruments
- Plants, potted trees, etc.

Unacceptable items include:

- Garbage or recyclables
- Chemicals of any kind
- Weapons of any kind
- Food items
- Mattresses
- Dangerous/illegal items
- Car/booster seats
- Baby gates and walkers
- Cribs/cradles

For more information on unacceptable items, visit the Consumer Products Safety Bureau website: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/index-eng.php>

Some ideas to promote your Curbside Swap:

Social media (such as Facebook and Twitter) can quickly spread the word.

The City of Saskatoon has materials that you can download for use to promote your event, including:

- Customizable Postcard
- Customizable Poster
- “Free Stuff” sign

Find them at saskatoon.ca/curbsideswap.

Ask if posters can be placed in local businesses, libraries or designated outdoor areas.

Reminder: Please remove your signs and posters at the end of your swap, and return any unclaimed items back to your home.

Items left on the curb?

To report items left on the curb after a Curbside Swap, call the Safety and Property Maintenance Hotline at 306-975-2828.

If you are posting signs, please take note of The [Temporary Sign Bylaw - Bylaw No. 7491](#).

Questions or comments?

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