



## Swapping, Sharing, and Saving Resources

### Why we care

It can be frustrating to spend money on an item you know you'll only use occasionally, and why buy something brand-new when you are sure you can find it used? But convenience isn't the only good reason to swap or share resources. Every new item we buy requires natural resources and energy to make and creates pollution. Sharing, swapping, and buying used doesn't just make good financial sense; it reduces impact on the environment, cuts down on clutter, and builds community.

### Simple, positive steps

#### Place Settings and Food Preservation Equipment

- [Kitchen Share Southeast](#), 2800 SE Harrison St.

#### Tool Libraries (must be neighborhood resident)

- [North Portland Tool Library](#), 2209 N Schofield St.
- [Northeast Portland Tool Library](#), 5431 NE 20th Ave.
- [Southeast Portland Tool Library](#), 3534 SE Main St.
- [Green Lents Community Tool Library](#), 9215 SE Ramona St.

#### Other Swap and Share Resources

- [Swap-n-Play](#) in St. Johns provides cooperative community space for member families to bring children (ten or younger) to play and to exchange useful goods (clothing, toys, books, art supplies, baby equipment, etc.).
- The Great Exchange in North Portland will be held by Swap-n-Play, April 22, 2023.
- [Swap Positive](#) provides listings of local swaps in the Portland metro area. Swaps may include clothing, toys, household goods, and more.

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