

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Reuse Rendezvous is coming up this weekend!**

*Annual City-wide swap meet will take place August 8 and 9, 2020*

### **Summary**

Reuse Rendezvous, Nanaimo's longest running reuse event, is back by popular demand on the weekend of August 8 and 9, 2020. This annual event is designed to keep useful items from going to waste by providing Nanaimo households an opportunity to give old household items a new lease on life.

Residents can participate by taking unwanted toys, sporting goods, furniture, books, bikes and other items to the curb so that others can take and reuse them. This event is a great opportunity to declutter (or recluster!) your homes and have fun seeking out bargains across the city.

Please mark items set out for others to take with a "FREE" tag. Items set out should not block sidewalks and bike lanes, and make sure to remove any leftover items by August 10.

Participants of Reuse Rendezvous are asked to stay safe when searching for bargains: slow down, watch for children, park carefully and obey traffic signs and speed limits. Please be diligent in observing Provincial COVID-19 guidelines, including: keep 2 meters away from people outside of your bubble; stay home if you're not feeling well; and use hand sanitizer if you're unable to wash your hands. Consider disinfecting any found items before bringing them into your home.

*Strategic Link:* By encouraging reuse of household goods and keeping waste out of the landfill, Reuse Rendezvous supports Council's priority to protect and enhance Nanaimo's natural environment.

### **Key Points**

- Households – Find a match for your unwanted goods by marking them with a "FREE" tag and putting them at the curb in front of your home on the weekend of August 8 and 9, 2020.
- Bargain Lovers – Join in by searching the city for marked free items you can take home and reuse. Good used furniture, tools, clothing, sporting goods and toys are just some of the great finds you could discover. Please remember to take only items you can use!
- Have fun but be safe: always obey traffic rules and please be diligent in following BC CDC's guidelines on COVID-19.
- Respect public and private property: do not block sidewalks or bike paths, and please remove any leftover items from your curb by Monday, August 10.

### **Quotes**

"The Reuse Rendezvous is a fantastic opportunity for Nanaimo residents to practice Zero Waste by redistributing usable household goods. The reality of COVID-19 means many residents have held off on donating household goods and visiting thrift stores, and sadly this year's Trunk Sale was cancelled. For the Reuse Rendezvous, this is a 'pandemic perk' - we're anticipating some high quality items being set out at the curb on the weekend!"

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