

Materials Exchange Program



What is the Materials Exchange Program?

- A matchmaking program for items like furniture, supplies, equipment, textiles, anything in decent condition
- Offer items you no longer need, or request to receive items you need
- Keep good things out of landfill
- Materials Exchange staff help find matches from other organizations to send or receive these items
- UHN is a member of Partners In Project Green, the group that runs the Materials Exchange Program

How Does it Work?

Step 1:

HAVE NEED

Submit Info

OFFER: On the MEP website, bit.ly/matxuhn click OFFER. Complete the online form with details, photos etc.

RECEIVE: email wanted item details to exchange@trca.ca using UHN email, note your receiving department/site.

Step 2:

Connect

After you submit your online form or email, Materials Exchange staff will look for matches in their network and connect you.

Step 3:

Exchange

Organize with the match to exchange the item. Often the receiver will cover transportation, though it is negotiable. Materials Exchange staff remain a resource.

Step 4:

Profile

Share and celebrate your success story in the Newsletter to inspire others to take part in the Materials Exchange program and divert materials from landfill.

A Circular Economy Win

In the old linear economy, we take, make and waste, using new resources that end in landfill
 In the new circular economy, we reuse and recycle existing materials to make "new" products
 By using the Materials Exchange Program, we:

- Prevent pollution from landfill
- Prevent pollution from extracting raw materials for new products
- Reduce costs by getting a used item instead of a new one
- Reduce costs by not sending more waste to landfill

