

## ***How do you participate?***

Please make your posts fit the following guidelines to make them easier for members to read, filter, and find.

- Everything posted must be entirely free, with no strings attached.
- Everything posted must be legal to own and transfer.
- Every post made must be appropriate for all ages; we have thousands of members of many sensibilities and ages, please respect each other when using the list and operate in a neighborly fashion.

Simply send a posting to the list email address [phillyfreecycle@yahoo.com](mailto:phillyfreecycle@yahoo.com) from a subscribed email address or go to the website interface at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/phillyfreecycle/> or <http://www.phillyfreecycle.org/> and use the post tab in the left hand side of the browser window.

In your subject line use the appropriate *OFFER*, *WANTED*, *TAKEN*, *FOUND* or *RECEIVED* headers. In the body of the message, describe the item and it's condition as best you can without being too verbose.

We ask that you include your neighborhood and/or zip code. This encourages people to consider if responding may be worth it in relation to the time, distance, or ability and method of travel. In addition, for those using fossil fuel automobiles for transportation, it allows them to consider their impact on the environment.

Examples of what subject lines should look like:  
Have a widget to give away? Post an OFFERed!  
OFFER:Brand X Orange Widget - Chestnut hill

Seeking a Widget? Post a WANTED!  
WANTED:Wild West Widget - NE Philly

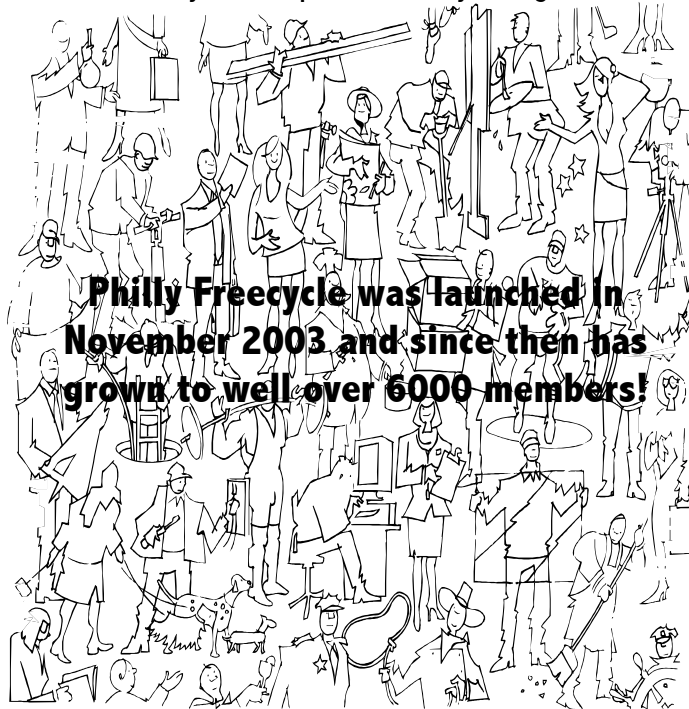
Did someone take your OFFERed Widget? Post a TAKEN!  
TAKEN:Brand X Organge Widget - Chestnut Hill

Did you get a widget you were seeking? Post a FOUND or RECEIVED notice. Some use this time to give thanks!  
RECEIVED: Wild West Widget - THANKS!!

Philly Freecycle is a project of MAGNet: the Mt. Airy Greening Network and the Please Take Materials Exchange.

Their websites for more information on their programs can be seen at:  
<http://www.mtairygreening.net/>  
<http://www.pleasetake.org/>

You can see the program Philly Freecycle is modelled after, as well as find Freecycle groups which may be more local to you at <http://www.freecycle.org/>



For more information and any questions or comments, you can email the moderators of Philly Freecycle at [phillyfreecycle-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:phillyfreecycle-owner@yahoo.com)

In addition to the typical posting guidelines, the moderators occasionally post informational announcements and reminders with the subject line header of ADMIN; please do take the time to read them.

Your moderators include: Meenal Raval, Betsy Teutsch, Michael Simons, Susan Gobreski, and other volunteers.



**[www.phillyfreecycle.org](http://www.phillyfreecycle.org)**

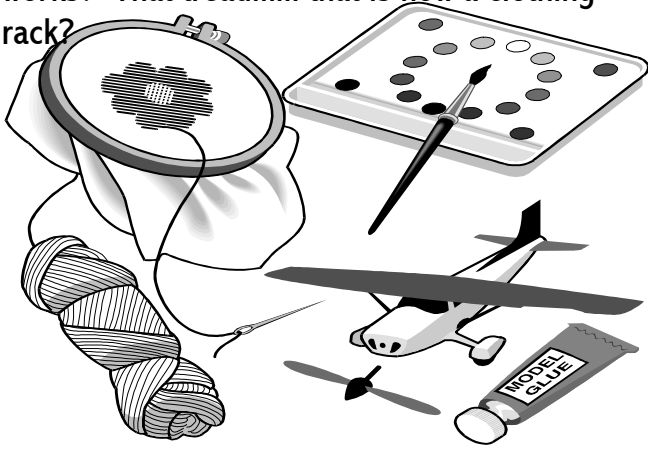
Also accessible through:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/phillyfreecycle/>

Philly Freecycle is a place to get rid of that unwanted item that may be sitting idle and neglected in your basement, attic or closet.. or already headed to the trash.

### “One’s trash is another’s treasure!”

Did you ever save something just because “I might be able to do something with that someday..”?

Are you living with that old couch that no longer matches your living room, or that second fridge in the garage just because you don’t want to bother moving it to the curb because it still works? That treadmill that is now a clothing rack?



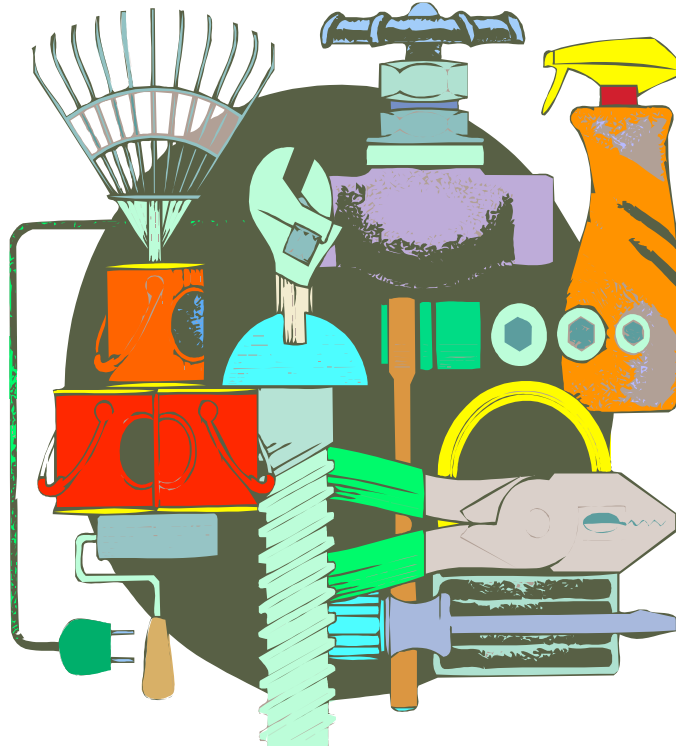
Well, clear out those junk drawers, that clogged back room, and that stuffed closet and pass it on! Someone actually **WANTS** your old junk and **CAN** do something with it -- **TODAY!**

No need to move it! No, you don’t have to shift that large piano, or move that heavy couch -- the people who come for your items will do all the heavy lifting in exchange for the sheer privilege of receiving that ugly old couch that no longer matches your living room!

While Philly Freecycle exists primarily online as a simple email mailing list and website, you may still be able to participate even if you have never touched a computer!

Even if you are not online, you can still embody the spirit of Freecycle! (Or get your neighbor, brother, or mother to get online and do it for you! Better yet, maybe they can find a computer on Freecycle for you!)

In addition one of our sponsoring organizations, the Please Take M.E. a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit charity, is looking for a large space to house their programs in which we will have an area set aside for a “Freecycle Depot” so that people both online and offline can have a physical location to divert their unwanted items to and through which we can inspire and educate on the creative reuse of materials!



According to the EPA the average amount **every individual** in the USA throws out is almost a whopping 5lbs, **DAILY!**

Philly Freecycle impacts the environment in a positive way by diverting waste previously headed to landfills & incinerators.



Through our program we find new homes for an average of **15 tons** of stuff **per month!**

Our program also reduces the burden on government and taxpayers, as well as on businesses, schools, and other institutions which are currently paying for private collection.

Another benefit from our program is the increased connections between people, and the building of community!

**From TVs to test tubes, toys to towels, computers, and crafts you can find it and get rid of it on Philly Freecycle! Nothing is too big or too small to Offer!**

Whether you’re an individual or represent a business, nonprofit organization, or community group, you can join the Philly Freecycle Family and start making an impact in the region!