



# MEDIA RELEASE

## DID YOU KNOW – REUSE AREA AT WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

### **The reuse / seconds area is still operational at the Waste Management Centre**

The reuse area is located at the exit end of the Waste Management Centre, adjacent to the stairs. An item may be placed in the 'reuse area' of the Waste Management Centre if it holds a reuse value – i.e. furniture that is not broken, clothing in good condition, cutlery and crockery, bathroom and laundry supplies including usable vanities, sinks, taps, usable bicycles, books, etc. It is at the discretion of the Waste Management staff whether the item does hold a 'reuse' value. Items that do hold a reuse value are considered 'recyclable' therefore are exempt from waste disposal fees. If the Waste Management staff consider the item to be 'non-recyclable' then the item will be subject to a waste disposal fee. If you are unsure about an item you wish to bring to the Waste Management Centre, please ask the Waste Management staff who will be happy to assist.

If you would like to look at the items available at the reuse area please park your vehicle outside the Centre on the grassed area, allowing you to spend as much time as needed sifting through the items. You can take any item in the reuse area, free of charge.

The reuse area is a great way to encourage reusing and recovering valuable resources. Start thinking about the resources and energy that go into every item that you use around the home. If there is an opportunity to reuse, recycle or upcycle, make sure you investigate that first before you consider it a waste. Alternatively, if you do not have a use for the item, give it to someone who can reuse, recycle or upcycle the item. Every item that is redirected from our waste stream makes a big difference in reducing our environmental footprint.

Finally, a friendly reminder – please do not place plastic bags or cardboard boxes in the glass, aluminium or steel can recycling chutes. If you bring your recyclables in a plastic bag, dispose of those items in the correct chute, then take your empty bag home with you to reuse, or if the bag requires disposal, place the plastic bag in the general waste area.

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