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## New General Text

From FreecycleWiki, the freecyclopedia.

Group Description: The Yourtown Freecycle Network is open to all who want to "recycle" that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano or an old door, feel free to post it. Or maybe you're looking to acquire something yourself! Nonprofit groups are also welcome to participate too! One constraint: everything posted must be free. This network is brought to you by The Freecycle Network, a nonprofit organization and a movement of people interested in keeping good stuff out of landfills. Check out [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) for other cities and info on the movement! E-mail [yourtownfreecycle-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:yourtownfreecycle-owner@yahoogroups.com) for questions or improvement ideas!

And have fun and keep on **Freecyclin!**

TEXT FOR INTRO MESSAGE: Hello Freecycle Newbie,

Welcome to the Yourtown Freecycle Network (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yourtownfreecycle>). To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send email to [yourtownfreecycle@yahoogroups.com](mailto:yourtownfreecycle@yahoogroups.com). To unsubscribe send an email to [yourtownfreecycle-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:yourtownfreecycle-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com). NOTE: Check out our webpage, [freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org), for info on other cities, etc. You will also have received an additional e-mail with the freecycling etiquette in it. Give it a good read so you know what's up. It'll save you much grief.

Have fun & keep on **freecyclin'**...

John, your moderator guy

John Doe

The Yourtown Freecycle Network

HOW DID YOU FIND US? Text Sent to new subscribers upon joining. Great way to find out how people are finding about about your yourtown's freecycle

How Did You Find Us?

Glad you could join us!

To help us attract more members, it's always useful for us to know how people find out about us. If you wouldn't mind, could you please drop us a line and let us know how you located us.

Were you referred? Saw a flyer? From the media? Radio? TV? Newspaper? Google? Please be as specific as you can!

And, if you like what you see, why not "Pay it Forward" and tell 3 friends about us!

Thanks!

Yourname

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[yourtownfreecycle-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:yourtownfreecycle-owner@yahoogroups.com)

FREECYCLING ETIQUETTE: sent on joining and every two weeks, copy in this text: [Message last updated 1 July, 2004]

Dear freecycler,

Thanks for being a part of The ever-expanding Freecycle Network. We're changing the world one gift at a time! This message is sent to all subscribers upon joining, as well as every two weeks to the entire list. If this message hasn't been updated since the last time you read it, feel free to move on to the next post.

If you're new to the group or want a quick refresher on making the most of freecycling, please read on! (Yes, this is a long message, but it contains essential knowledge for all freecycle members and will answer MANY common new-user questions, so please take the time to read through it.)

Rules update lately: We ask that your first post be an OFFER as a new member and we ask that you put your general location in your OFFER e-mail. Also, we have added the rule that there are to be no repeat postings more than once a month. I think this will help keep us all a little saner so that we all don't keep seeing all those repeats.

Begun on Month Day, 2004, the [local name here] Freecycle Network is a branch of an incredibly fast-growing international Freecycle movement, which began in Tucson, AZ on 5/1/03 and now boasts over 900 offshoots from Japan to Wichita, with more than 200,000 members in all (Member/Groups: 14K in 12/03, 55K/360 groups on 4/19/04). Our local list is also growing fast with some xxx members (lots of great people in our community, as you know!); in fact, we are the third largest freecycle group in all of [your state]! And if you tell your friends and relatives about it, and they tell theirs...well, you get the idea.

USING THE FREECYCLE LIST To post a message, simply send an email to [freecycle@yahoogroups.com](mailto:freecycle@yahoogroups.com) or click on "messages" at the Yourtown Freecycle Network web site (see link below).

To unsubscribe, send an email to [yourtownfreecycle-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:yourtownfreecycle-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

To post, read or reply to messages or to manage your membership settings (including email delivery options), visit the group site ([a/k/a main page](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yourtownfreecycle)): <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yourtownfreecycle>

To read list archives (especially helpful for new members who may find recent posts of interest there), visit the main page and click on "messages" on the left.

For more information on freecycling in general and a list of other freecycle groups, visit <http://freecycle.org/> (Highly recommended!) You can also find [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) along with other related recycling-related sites by visiting the Yourtown main page and clicking on "links" on the left.

The following list rules have been adapted from the original freecycle etiquette sheet; For a refresher, read on. A certain structure definitely makes the group run smoothly and effectively for everyone's benefit. Remember, the success of this group depends on all of us, and that means each of us need to do our best to keep on task and, well, be nice and patient. Good Luck, Have Fun & Keep on **Freecyclin'**!

**FREECYCLE RULES & ETIQUETTE**

- 1) **KEEP IT FREE, LEGAL & APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES.** This means, for example, no Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms or Drugs, legal or otherwise. Two strikes & you're outta the group. This is our main **freecyclin'** rule to live by and it's a pretty easy one at that. No advertising your yard sale though as you're looking for money and that isn't free... 2) **YOUR FIRST POST EVER TO THE GROUP MUST BE AN OFFER.** In the spirit of giving, we would ask that you make your first posting to the group an "OFFER". No offer is too small... 3) **SUBJECT LINE OF YOUR POSTS.** Use these phrases to make it easy for others to delete or view: OFFER: love seat, downtown. [Offering more than 1 thing? Still keep it in 1 e-mail, please] TAKEN: love seat WANTED: love seat, any condition. [Please use this sparingly and don't offer money. And above all else, don't ask for an extravagant item like a DVD player which we'd all like to have or the strike rule will kick in - see no. 1 above. ] ADMIN: new ideas, thoughts, etc. like can we get the guy with the couches to ease up? 4) **PLEASE DO NOT POST THE SAME "WANTED" POSTING MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH.** 5) **NO POLITICS, NO SPAM, NO MONEY, NO PERSONAL ATTACKS/RUDENESS.** Two strikes & you're out, i.e. you will be unsubscribed by the moderator after two inappropriate postings. 6) **YOUR APPROXIMATE LOCATION:** Try to list this in the body of your e-mail as well as in the subject line. I've got a couch and live downtown. Nearest intersection: Speedway and Stone. 7) **KEEP IT ALL IN ONE E-MAIL.** Got more than one thing to give away? Keep it all in one e-mail please and just number the items for your own clarity. This reduces the overall number of e-mails we all have to receive. 8) **CAN WE USE FREECYCLE TO FIND NEW HOMES FOR PETS?** Yes, keep it legal & be lovingly careful. Yourtown also has a great network of nonprofit pet organizations such as..... Please visit <http://www.petfinder.com/> to look up many other pet-related resources in Yourtown. 9) **NO TRADING PLEASE.** Go to your local trading organization for this. It can be quite fun. 10) **RESPONSES GO ONLY TO OFFERER.** It keeps down the sheer no. of e-mails. 11) **PICK UP.** Arrange as you like. Generally, you'll wait until you get a handful of responses or maybe overnite, and then you can pick whomever you like! That's half the fun. I always ask that people consider giving your starving local charity preference if one should respond. Arrange pickup with one person only, rather than "it's on the porch, whoever gets here first gets it." Otherwise you'll become the boo man pretty fast with your fellow freecyclers... Also: only give your phone number to one person at a time or ask for the recipient's phone no. Otherwise you'll get swamped with phone calls. 12) **DISCLAIMER: FREECYCLE NETWORK MEMBERS USE THE LIST AT THEIR OWN RISK.** Please take reasonable measures to protect your safety and privacy when posting to the list or participating in an exchange. By joining the list, you agree to hold neither the list owners and moderators nor anyone affiliated with Freecycle.org responsible or liable for any circumstance resulting from a Freecycle-related exchange or communication. **SAFETY.** Be aware! It is up to each individual member of Freecycle when arranging for pickup of the item being given away to be appropriately aware of the potential risk of having "a stranger" come to your home to pick something up. Freecycle as a listserv assumes no responsibility for this risk. If you, for example, are a single woman living alone, you may want to say that you'll leave the item on the front porch while you are not home. 13) **NO FREECYCLING YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILDREN.** Freecycling oneself (or one's shy friends) is, I'm afraid, not allowed. There are many fine Internet dating sites better suited to this purpose, or you could try Craig's List or a Burning Man mixer (just kidding). Freecycling your kids is not on the menu either, no matter how crazy they make you sometimes. Try getting them involved in after-school band practice. 14) **A BRIEF NOTE ON FREECYCLING ETIQUETTE:** "Be nice." We've got a great little community here so when you arrange to pick up an item from another freecycler, it is basic good manners to accommodate them as much as possible in terms of scheduling, and then be punctual; they are, after all, giving you something you need and asking nothing in return except that you will show up when you say you will. (Leaving someone hanging is never a nice thing.) Also, unless the giver tells you otherwise, assume that they would like you to come by as soon as you can to take away the item; no more than three days after the offer is made is usual. (Think of it as The Three-Day Rule.) **TIPS TO ORGANIZE ALL OF THE NEW E-MAILS YOU ARE GETTING:** a) **CREATE A SEPARATE E-MAIL FOLDER & AUTOMATICALLY HAVE FREECYCLE STUFF GO TO IT.** Create a separate folder in your Outlook Express & have Freecycle stuff sent to it automatically with a new rule under tools/message rules/mail/ b) **SET TO "DAILY DIGEST" OR "NO E-MAILS"** (which means you'll just browse the messages online). Realize that you can set your personal preferences on the main page (under "Edit My Membership" in the top right corner). **IMPORTANT: THERE IS A TIME LAG FOR CHANGES:** Whenever a user changes settings, there is an overlap from the time it takes for Yahoo to process the change, until emails in the queue waiting to go out to the users are delivered. In other words, in the six hours it takes for Yahoo to permanently stop the emails from coming, there are emails already set up to go out, and will continue to go out until the queue is emptied. (Some people have reported this taking up to three days.) So please don't email the moderators with comments like, 'I changed my settings/unsubscribed yesterday, why am I still getting emails?' Just be patient, and all should be well. Don't make more than one change at a time (each additional change adds on another day of wait). If you encounter further problems, you might want to consult the Yahoo! Groups help pages at: <http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/> Just so you know, you CAN delete your own posts for any reason (for example, if someone's taken the item you offered, or if you've received the item you wanted, or if you posted something by mistake). Go back to your original post and bring it into view on the screen. Right under the Messages bar, where it reads Reply/Forward/View Source/Unwrap Lines/Delete Click on 'Delete.' That should do it. (Note, though, that deleting a post won't prevent it from showing up in the next digest for those with digest options.)

That should just about do it. Have fun and **Keep on Freecyclin'**! Your friendly neighborhood Freecycle moderator, Joe Freecycle

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**TEXT FOR "HAPPY TRAILS" GOODBYE NOTE:** 1. **ADD A FAREWELL LETTER.** Final step for setting up your group is adding the farewell letter. Go to the files section of your webpage. Click on "Create a Text File." And, click on the button "Send on unsubscribe." Then paste in text like this: Dear Freecycle Alumnus, Thanks for having helped to make The Freecycle Network the special thing that it is. Now that you have unsubscribed, please realize that it can take Yahoo Groups up to 3 days to process. Our **freecyclin'** apologies for the delay. Trying to unsubscribe or switch to "no e-mails" or any other change generally delays the process even more (add 3 more days for each additional change). Best advice: grin and bear it and you'll be free soon to continue your life beyond our little community online. May all your journeys be safe ones.... Oh, and please let us know, if there is something we can improve upon for future members. Thanks!

Greetings State of Z New Group Approver(s)!

A B has applied to start a new freecycle group under the name of CDfreecycle in E F city/county in your state. If you're unsure about whether to approve this group, please check with nearby moderators to make sure that there's not too much overlap between groups.

While you're in contact with the neighboring mods, it'd be great if you'd recommend that they contact A B directly – and it'd be better still if they could volunteer to serve as a mentor, to help CDfreecycle get up and running.

If you have questions for the owner of CDfreecycle, you can reach A B at: G\_@\_H. If you can't get your questions answered by A B or nearby mods, you can contact newgroup@freecycle.org as a last resort, but remember that you know your state a lot better than we do!

If you feel as though this group would be a good addition to Freecycle.org, click on Yes. Once you do so, CDfreecycle will automatically be added to the Web site! If you've decided that this group should not be approved, click on No.

Yes No

Many thanks for helping to keep freecycle growing smoothly! Deron Beal

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