## FREECYCLE IF YOU CAN

If you are already a Freecycle member then this isn't going to tell you anything you don't already know. If, however, you aren't familiar with it then here's a brief explanation of what it is and how it works.

**The Freecycle Network**<sup>®</sup> is made up of many local Town and Area groups with over 9 million members across the globe. It's a grassroots and entirely non-profit movement of people who are giving (and getting) items for free in their own areas and keeping good stuff out of landfills. **Membership is free**. Everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages.

Here's how it works: When you sign up with Freecycle.org you join one or more local groups (local groups are run by volunteer moderators). You make posts about things you want to gift or receive. Other members reply and then you arrange a pickup time and location. Just like that, you've saved something from going to a landfill and given it a new life.



You may have something that you no longer need or which is damaged, broken or just doesn't do its job any more. Please take 5 minutes to post it on Freecycle before sending it to landfill.

You might be surprised at what can be useful to someone else – all of the following have been offered and quickly grabbed; rubble, broken small appliances and devices (taken for spares), odd tiles (went to a school

playground mosaic project), old carpet (handy for covering compost heaps and allotments), underlay, pipes, cables, power leads, balls of wool, old furniture (upcycling is very popular!), old windows ...... really almost anything.

## So please Freecycle if you can!

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