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Fall Freecycling Day is Saturday, Oct. 7 At Crystal Springs Family Waterpark in East Brunswick

EAST BRUNSWICK – Moving? Redecorating? Doing fall cleaning? East Brunswick's Freecycling Day is a great way to unload useable, unwanted household items in an environmentally friendly way. Maybe you'll even find something you can use.

Fall Freecycling Day is slated for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, at Crystal Springs Family Waterpark, 380 Dunham's Corner Road, offering area residents an opportunity to discard serviceable household items and also scout for "finds" they can use. There is no charge to participate in this "free trade" event.

Items may be dropped off for freecycling at the Crystal Springs parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with browsing and pickup until 2 p.m. Usable items must be offered for free. In the event of rain, check the Friends' website for updates: friendsebec.com.

Recommended freecycling items include clothing, shoes, bicycles, fish tanks, dishes, pots and pans, toys, silverware, small appliances, tools, power tools, kitchen items, garage items, electronics and pet supplies. Large furniture pieces will not be accepted. It is recommended that boxed toys, games and anything with small parts be taped shut.

Prohibited items include mattresses, televisions, computer monitors, paints, VHS tapes, computer disks, pesticides, tires, toiletries, unframed mirrors, food or any hazardous materials. The Friends of EBEC reserves the right to reject items.

Freecycling is a community event intended to allow area residents to exchange usable items for personal use, not for re-sale. The event aims to keep unwanted household items out of landfills.

Freecycling days in spring and fall are coordinated by the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission and co-sponsored with the East Brunswick Recycling Center and East Brunswick Recreation, Parks & Community Services.

Volunteers are still needed to help staff the event. Information can be found at friendsebec.com/freecycling.htm

The Friends of EBEC is a nonprofit citizens group dedicated to local environmental education and conservation. In addition to Freecycling Days, the Friends sponsors National Moth Week, Amphibian Protection, Community Garden, Butterfly Park, Moth Nights and Option Green lectures at the library. Membership is free.

For more information about Friends of EBEC, visit <u>friendsebec.com</u>, or send email to <u>friends.ebec@gmail.com</u>.

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