

Circular Economy in Grandview Woodlands

A circular economy keeps materials and products in circulation for as long as possible.

Why is the Circular Economy important?

Reducing our consumption matters. Extraction and processing of resources – think fossil fuels, metals and biomass – account for over 55% of planetary greenhouse gas emissions. The average Grandview Woodlands resident consumes more than 10 times more "stuff" than their counterpart in Bangladesh.

Check out the activities we can do locally to support a circular economy for a sustainable planet.

Help us plan our efforts by voting with a coloured sticker

- Green - you want to actively support this activity. Please add your info to the participation list on the clipboard.
- Yellow - you cannot actively support, but are interested in the idea. Add your info if you want to be on the mailing list.
- If not now, maybe later

Expanded Recycling

- The City does not pick up plastic bags, batteries or styrofoam.
- To make it more convenient for residents to recycle without having to take these items to the depot, there are three community pop-up recycling stations every Saturday on Commercial Drive, between Grandview Hwy and 1st Avenue as well as one on Parker.
- Will you champion more pop-up recycling stations north of 1st Ave?

Clothing swaps and vintage consignment clothes

- Patronize commercial Drive shops: My Sister's Closet at 3rd Ave, Mintage at 1st Ave and Turnabout at Napier
- See community yard sales, below

Community Yard Sales

- Encourage neighbours to hold joint yard sales.
- Champion your own group in the two block area around your residence.
- Scheduling sales throughout Grandview Woodlands means frequent opportunities to turn trash into treasure.
- A table for "Build Local Communities" at the yard sale can promote other fun activities.

Fix It Cafes

- Fix things rather than throw them out
- These are very popular but are too infrequent.
- Would you support a Fix It table at the community yard sales?

Reducing Food Waste

- Can you support efforts to ensure that food is not discarded, but given to people in need?
- You can volunteer or donate to efforts like Quest Food Exchange on Powell Street.

Britannia Community Centre

- GWAC is providing a focus on the Circular Economy, but it would also help to have a geographic centre.
- Do you have any sway at the centre to encourage a recycling station, community yard sale, or Fix It Cafe?
- It would also be nice to have a regular Social Drop In at the Centre for discussing the Circular Economy and building our local community.

Require manufacturers to take End of Life responsibility for their products

- BC already takes consumer deposits on some products, such as electronics and tires.
- Should we require the manufacturers to take a lead in recycling or is it better to have a separate organization take responsibility?

Planned Obsolescence and the Right to Repair

- Would you work to make laws against planned obsolescence (like in France) and to support the Right to Repair (like in the EU)?
- We can provide templates of letters you can customize to raise the awareness of your MLA/MP of the need for serious regulations. Will you help?