



Why Buy or Accept Second Hand Items?

SECOND HAND ITEMS

- are used (not new)
- clothing, furniture, housewares and other items

Helps the environment

By reusing items, fewer 'things' go to the landfill (garbage).

Good for your budget

Used items often cost less than new. This can save money for other items you need.

Can last for years

High quality used items can last for a long time (well-made clothing and furniture).



Some things to think about...

- Always wash or clean second hand items before using them.
- Beware of 'soft' furniture items that can carry bugs (mattresses, couches).
- Avoid damaged items (dishes with chips and cracks).
- Second hand items can save money and can help you reach your goals faster (buying a bike, going on a trip).
- Garage sales, thrift stores and on-line sites are ways to find used items.
- In Canada, many people donate items to help others. When people give, it means they care and want to help.
- Many Canadians buy second hand items. It is a very common Canadian activity.