

GUELPH-WELLINGTON FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD GOODS ACCESS GUIDE

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The purpose of this document is to provide low-income families and individuals information about no- and low-cost options for household goods and furniture in Guelph & Wellington.

Many of the services in this guide depend on volunteers and donors to meet our community needs.

They deserve a big THANK YOU.

If your group would like to be listed in a future version of this guide, or if you want to correct any information, please send an email to gwpoverity@gmail.com

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NO-COST OPTIONS IN GUELPH & WELLINGTON

**** THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS RELY HEAVILY ON DONATED ITEMS. AS A RESULT, THE AVAILABILITY OF ITEMS CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE.

Who offers it?	What items do they provide?	Is there a cost?	Do they deliver?	Am I eligible?
<p>Chalmers Community Services Centre</p> <p>40 Baker Street, Guelph 519-822-8778</p> <p>Chalmers West (limited supply) 577 Willow Road, Guelph www.chalmerscentre.ca community@chalmerscentre.ca</p>	<p>Household items typically include: Dishes, blankets, bedding, cooking utensils, dishes, linens, pots and pans, small appliances (i.e. blenders, toasters, etc.), silverware & towels.</p>	<p>All items are free of charge.</p>	<p>No delivery service available.</p>	<p>Items are for anyone that accesses services at Chalmers.</p>
<p>Guelph Food Bank</p> <p>100 Crimea Street, Guelph 519-767-1380 www.spiritwind-christian-centre.ca/guelphfoodbank.html</p>	<p>Donors are matched with those needing items. They do not have storage facilities, so donations and needs are recorded. Credits are provided for those that are eligible to allow them to choose their own items (May - Oct).</p>	<p>All items are free of charge.</p>	<p>Depending on staff and volunteer availability.</p>	<p>Eligibility for credit is based on a needs assessment.</p> <p>Donor and need matching services is available to anyone in need.</p>

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<p>Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre</p> <p>187 Bristol Street, Guelph 519-766-7675 www.michaelhouse.ca</p>	<p>Household items typically include: baking items, dishes, blankets, bedding, utensils, lamps, pots and pans, small appliances</p> <p>Furniture items typically include: bedframes, bookcases, chairs, couches, coffee tables, desks, dining tables, dressers.</p> <p>Baby items also available, including car seats, strollers, cribs, bouncy chairs, etc.</p>	<p>All items are free of charge.</p>	<p>Depending on staff and volunteer availability.</p>	<p>Items are available to anyone in need.</p>
<p>Salvation Army Community and Family Services</p> <p>210 Victoria Road S., Guelph 519-836-9824 www.guelphsa.ca</p>	<p>Household items typically include: baby items, baking dishes, blankets, bedding, cooking utensils, dishes, linens, pots and pans, small appliances, sheets, silverware and towels.</p> <p>Household goods and select furnishings are available by appointment.</p>	<p>All items are free of charge.</p>	<p>No delivery service available.</p>	<p>Items are available to those in need and by referral through a social service agency.</p>
<p>Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store</p> <p>74 Elizabeth Street, Guelph 519-836-5829</p>	<p>Household items typically include: dishes, blankets, bedding, cooking utensils, dishes, linens, pots and pans, small appliances, silverware, towels, curtains.</p> <p>Furniture items typically include: bedframes, bookcases, chairs, couches, coffee tables, desks, dining tables, dressers, mattresses.</p>	<p>All items are free of charge to those who qualify for assistance through a needs assessment.</p>	<p>Delivery is available. There may be a charge depending on situation or need.</p>	<p>Eligibility is based on a needs assessment, done through a local conference.</p>

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<p>University of Guelph</p> <p>50 Stone Rd. E., Guelph 519-824-4120 ext. 56276 www.uoguelph.ca</p>	<p>Furniture items typically include: bedframes, bookcases, chairs, couches, coffee tables, desks, dining tables, dressers, entertainment centers and wardrobes.</p> <p>***The University hosts furniture giveaway events during Orientation Week in September. Call for more details.</p>	<p>All items are free of charge.</p>	<p>Free delivery is available to UofG students during the Orientation Week event in September. No delivery service is available outside of this event.</p>	<p>Any surplus items can be accessed by appointment with the general public between April & September of each year. Call for more information.</p>
<p>City of Guelph Goods Exchange Weekend</p> <p>All over Guelph http://guelph.ca/living/environment/waste-reduction/goods-exchange-weekend/</p>	<p>The Goods Exchange Weekends take place twice yearly - once in the spring and once in the fall where residents of Guelph can place reusable household items, such as furniture, appliances, and toys at their curb to giveaway for free.</p>	<p>All items are free of charge.</p>	<p>No delivery service available.</p>	<p>Items are available to anyone. Check the website for dates.</p>
<p>Wellington County Reuse Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aberfoyle Waste Facility 6922 Concession Rd 4, Puslinch, - Bellwood Waste Facility 8585 Wellington 19, Bellwood - Riverstown Waste Facility 7254 Sideroad 5 West, Township of Wellington North <p>http://www.wellington.ca/en/residentservices/reusecentres.asp</p>	<p>Items include: small furniture, sporting goods, toys, books, housewares, etc.</p> <p>There is also a bulky item posting board at each site where individuals post about large appliances or heavy furniture that they are giving away for free.</p>	<p>All items are free of charge.</p>	<p>No delivery service available.</p>	<p>Items are available to anyone.</p>

FREecycle PROGRAMS

Website	Description	Other details
<p>Elora Community Share</p> <p>www.sharingelora.ca https://www.facebook.com/groups/sharingelora/</p>	<p>Elora Community Share is based on a very simple concept; people don't need to own everything, they just need access to what others already own. We connect people together to facilitate this access and sharing of stuff. To use the group all you need to know is what you need or what you are willing to share. This initiative is based on trust and a willingness to open yourself up to new people and experiences. How much or how little you interact with this project is completely up to you!</p>	<p>Serves Centre Wellington and primarily operates through a public facebook group: Elora Community Share.</p>
<p>The Freecycle Network</p> <p>http://www.freecycle.org/</p>	<p>The Freecycle Network is a grassroots non-profit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Local volunteers moderate each local group. Membership is free.</p>	<p>There are local groups in: Guelph, Centre Wellington, Erin, Mount Forest, Rockwood.</p>
<p>Trash Nothing!</p> <p>http://trashnothing.com/</p>	<p>The idea is to promote the three R's (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) by making it easy for people to give away their unwanted but reusable items to people who can use them.</p> <p>Once you join a local group, you can create 'Offer' posts for items you want to give away, or 'Wanted' posts for items you need.</p>	<p>There are local groups in: Guelph, Erin.</p>
<p>Wellington Reuses</p> <p>http://www.wellington.reuses.com/</p>	<p>The County of Wellington's website for the promotion and practice of the 3R's - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Individuals can give items in good condition a second life by using the on-line posting board to list items that are no longer wanted, or to look for items that someone else is giving away. All items posted on this website must be available for free.</p>	

LOW-COST OPTIONS IN GUELPH

Business	Description	Other details
<p>Bibles for Missions Thrift Store</p> <p>228 Victoria Rd. S. 519-821-2498</p>	<p>Sells used furniture, as well as clothing, small electrical goods, kitchenware, sports equipment, toys and books.</p>	<p>Call for more information on used item pick-up and delivery services.</p>
<p>Goodwill Community Store</p> <p>340 Woodlawn Road W. 519-767-1800 http://goodwillindustries.ca/location/guelph-goodwill/</p>	<p>Offers home furnishings at discounted rates, as well as clothing, toys, books, sports equipment and more.</p> <p>Goodwill creates work opportunities, skills development and social integration for persons facing barriers to employment such as tough unemployment times, disability and social disadvantage.</p>	
<p>Guelph Habitat for Humanity Restore</p> <p>104 Dawson Road, Unit 300 519-780-2323 http://www.habitatwellington.on.ca/restore.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenues support Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph's homebuilding program. • Inventory of new and recycled building materials and furnishings is constantly changing. • Manufacturers, retailers and homeowners donate inventory. • Prices are a fraction of retail. 	
<p>Salvation Army Thrift Store</p> <p>204 Silvercreek Parkway N. 519-766-4085</p>	<p>Offers furniture, housewares, kitchenware, bedding and new mattresses at discounted prices.</p>	<p>10% off for seniors everyday.</p>

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<p>Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store</p> <p>74 Elizabeth Street 519-836-5829</p>	<p>Sells gently used furniture, clothing, housewares and small appliances.</p>	<p>Delivery available for a fee.</p>
<p>Value Village Thrift Store</p> <p>214 Silvercreek Parkway N. 519-821-9994</p>	<p>Sells used furniture, as well as clothes, small household appliances, toys and other articles at a low cost.</p>	<p>30% discount for seniors 60yrs+ every Tuesday.</p>

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<p>Bibles for Missions Thrift Store</p> <p>525 Maple Street Fergus, ON 226-383-5753</p>	<p>Sells used furniture, as well as clothing, small electrical goods, kitchenware, sports equipment, toys and books.</p>	<p>Call for more information on used item pick-up and delivery services.</p>
<p>Blessings to You Centre</p> <p>203 Main St. Palmerston, ON 519-343-3082</p>	<p>Providing assistance by offering: used clothing, household goods, toys, seasonal decorations, and baby items as available.</p>	
<p>Mount Forest Habitat for Humanity Restore</p> <p>286 Main Street South, Mount Forest 519-509-4400 http://www.habitatwellington.on.ca/restore.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenues support Habitat for Humanity Wellington Dufferin Guelph's homebuilding program. • Inventory of new and recycled building materials and furnishings is constantly changing. • Manufacturers, retailers and homeowners donate inventory. • Prices are a fraction of retail. 	