

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle..ReStore!

These days, “going green” goes hand-in-hand with donating items that can be recycled in home building. Home improvement stores, corporations, contractors, architects and engineers are all in one way or another looking for new energy efficient products and design.

New condo construction, old building upgrades and conversions leave behind building materials with a good deal of life left in them. At the same time many business and home owners are seeking an alternative to the high costs of removing construction debris and wanting to reduce waste. Recycling by way of donating these materials to Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg’s (HFHW) ReStore is the perfect “green” solution. In 2007 the ReStore diverted more than one million pounds of reusable goods from local landfills.

Building supplies, home improvement items, appliances, lighting and all sorts of miscellaneous items are in hot demand for the ReStore’s eager home improvement buffs. These Do It Yourself (DIY) individuals make regular visits to the ReStore to find a replacement for a light fixture or dishwasher or to discover an item that will spark a new project.

The ReStore welcomes large scale donations of new, slightly used, slightly damaged, discontinued, or return to vendor (RTV) items that would otherwise be headed for the landfill or shipped back to original manufacturers. This year, large scale donations have resulted in resale values of approximately \$300,000. A great help for HFHW as well as our environment!

Winnipeg businesses specializing in home renovation, home décor, gardening and outdoor products as well as individuals who may be renovating their homes are encouraged to donate to the ReStore. Large donations hold great value and assistance to the overall growth of HFHW.

The “going green” attitude helps HFHW reach its goal to help provide affordable housing to low-income working families in the Winnipeg area. In order to achieve this goal we count on the support of product donations large and small.

For more information on donating your reusable goods to the ReStore, please visit www.habitat.mb.ca or call (204) 233-5160, Press 1.