

Sharing within our Neighborhoods
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The ones we hear about

- Barter
- Time banks
- Local Currencies
- LETS systems (“Local Exchange Trading System”)

Simpler sharing techniques

Available today:

- Car sharing or Ride sharing
- Child or Adult care co-ops
- Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Thurs afternoon pickups at HN
- Consumer goods Freecycle, Recycler, Craig’s List
Curbsides in Westchester (Sun pm / Mon am)
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- Group purchases (for discounts, bulk) bareroot fruit trees
Rainwater harvesting barrels
Bulk natural foods 2x month in PV
Possibly solar panels
- Home improvement skill share ?
- Neighborhood harvest sharing HarvestWestchester.org Thurs afternoons at HN
- Meal sharing (neighborhood potlucks) ?
- Seed swaps next one October 4
- Skill sharing (becomes like time bank)
- Tool sharing ?
- And whatever else we might dream up!

For items marked “?” seek individuals at this meeting and begin creating it ... it’s so possible!

Real estate sharing techniques

- Garden sharing (different owner and gardener) signup
- Community Gardens <http://WLVCG.blogspot.com>
Garden at Orville Wright Middle School
- Shared backyards – taking down the fences between houses
- Shared housing – co-op or eco village

Note: Real estate sharing should involve a legal document.

A resource list for all of this is online at www.EnviroChangeMakers.org – currently under “calendar” but soon to be under “past meetings”.

What Could I Share?

Adapted from *The Sharing Solution*, Orsi & Duskow

Categories of things to share	What I have to share	What I hope to get through sharing
Household goods & appliances		
Electronics		
Tools		
Vehicles / Carpools		
Work equipment		
Recreation / hobbies		
Yard / Garden		
Storage Space		
Shared purchasing		
Meals		
Services		
Skills		
Child & Adult care		
Pet care		
Gardening / yard work		
Chores / errands		
Home repair / improvement		
Other		