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Have a question about Choose to Reuse? Read on.

When is Choose to Reuse held?

The events are held primarily on the third Thursday of the month during the academic year except for April. In April the event is held during the fourth week to coordinate with Earth Week at MIT. There are no Choose to Reuse events in July and August.

Drop-off for CtR begins at 8:00 am in the Stata Center's big white lobby at the corner of Main and Vassar Streets. Taking stuff starts at 11:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm; drop offs continue until 1:00pm.

Does it cost anything to attend a Choose to Reuse event?

No, there is no admission charge and you won't have to pay for items at the event. Everything is free. The goal is to extend the life of good products by sharing them to others. This way we're using less energy and generating less waste overall.

Is there a limit to the number of items I can take?

Yes. In order to be fair to everyone, in November of 2014, the program implemented a limit. A maximum of five items can be taken.

Do I have to bring something to swap in order to participate?

You don't have to bring in anything to swap. In other words, you don't have to give to get.

If no one takes the item I donated, do I have to take it back?

No, you don't have to take the item back. Everything leftover is either recycled or donated to charity through MIT's Recycling Program.

What kinds of things do people bring?

Items such as clothes, kitchen stuff, books, electronics and sports equipment.

I have something that needs a minor repair. Can I bring that?

No, it's best not to bring things that need repair. We're looking for usable goods.

Are there any restrictions on what to bring?

We request that items are light enough for them to be carried out easily. If you're not sure what to bring to the event, consider this: if you wouldn't spend money for it, then don't bring it.

Can I bring things from home?

Sure. However, because the Recycling Program has to pay for the removal of materials from campus, please don't bring unusable electronic items from home, i.e., old televisions, broken computers, etc.

What about food items?

Unopened and unexpired food items are acceptable. However, opened packages are not appropriate.

Other questions?

Email recycling@mit.edu.