

## Community Spotlight:

# BURLINGTON REPAIR CAFÉ



### What is the purpose of the Repair Café?

The purpose of the Repair Café is to help community members keep items from going into the landfill! Our volunteers can help repair broken or damaged household items, such as lamps, toasters, and vacuum cleaners.

We have no special skills other than being a bit handy and do not charge for our services. We don't repair electronic items (such as TVs), cell phones, or lawnmowers, as one of our goals is to ensure we don't take away work from paid professionals.

We also want to share our knowledge, and we work on teaching our "clients" about their appliances, so we talk with them while we're working on repairing their items. We are always looking for volunteers!

### How did the Repair Café get started?

Repair Cafés originated in the Netherlands over 12 years ago, and now there are more than 2700 Repair Cafés worldwide! The Burlington Café started in 2018, and we've worked on well over 200 items since then.

### Where are you located?

We don't have a specific location, but we regularly rent facilities across the city to provide repairs. All repairs are done on the spot!

### How can I learn more about the Repair Café?

We generally hold an event once per month, usually on a Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. You can find us at Burlington Green's **Zero Waste Events** in the Spring and the Fall.

Our Facebook page is:

[www.facebook.com/Burlington.Canada.Repair.Cafe](https://www.facebook.com/Burlington.Canada.Repair.Cafe)

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