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# About to Toss That Broken Lamp? Consider Repairing It Instead

## CITY OF SAN DIEGO FREE FIXIT CLINICS HELP PEOPLE HANG ON TO ITEMS ONCE HEADED FOR THE LANDFILL

SAN DIEGO – Each year, 846,000 tons of waste are sent to landfills and the City of San Diego’s [Fixit Clinics](#) may be able to prevent your old items from ending up there too. Fixit Clinics are free, community-based workshops where skilled volunteers help attendees repair broken household items while also helping them save money and learn troubleshooting skills they can use at home. These helpful events held by San Diego’s Environmental Services Department (ESD) make it possible for people to hang on to cherished-but-broken items – such as lamps, bikes and small kitchen appliances – instead of throwing them away.

**“Our Fixit Clinics are a big hit,” says City of San Diego Recycling Specialist Anais Putnam. “Recently a couple brought in a 40-year-old waffle iron they didn’t want to discard because it had been in the family for decades. We loved seeing the joy on their faces as they walked out of the clinic knowing they could make waffles for their grandkids.”**

The goal of these events is to reduce waste, supporting the Environmental Service Department’s [Zero Waste Plan](#) - which lays out strategies to divert 90 percent of all trash by 2035 and an ultimate goal of zero waste by 2040 – and the City’s [Climate Action Plan](#). Fixit Clinics, held in partnership with [Zero Waste San Diego](#), are scheduled in various locations around the city through June 21.

Items that are accepted at Fixit Clinics include lamps; kitchen aids such as mixers and toasters; bikes; and textiles such as clothing, bags and fabric items. Among the items that cannot be accepted are printers and Apple brand products. Registration is recommended, but not required, and participants must stay with their items during the repair to learn and engage in the process. More information is available on the City’s [website](#).

**Fixit Clinics are on Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. at the following locations:**

Jan. 18: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, 92123.

Feb. 8: Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive, 92131.

March 15: Valencia Park/Malcom X Library, 5148 Market St., 92114.

May 17: Pacific Highlands Ranch Library, 12911 Pacific Place, 92130.

June 21: Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive, 92102.

**About the Environmental Services Department:**

The Environmental Services Department (ESD) ensures that City of San Diego residents have a clean and safe environment. The department pursues waste management strategies that emphasize waste reduction; recycling and composting; and environmentally sound landfill management.



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