



# Your Local Eco-News

Whistler's bi-weekly environmental news, tips for eco-citizenry and opportunities to get involved from AWARE. If you love what we do and are in a position to give, [consider making a donation.](#)

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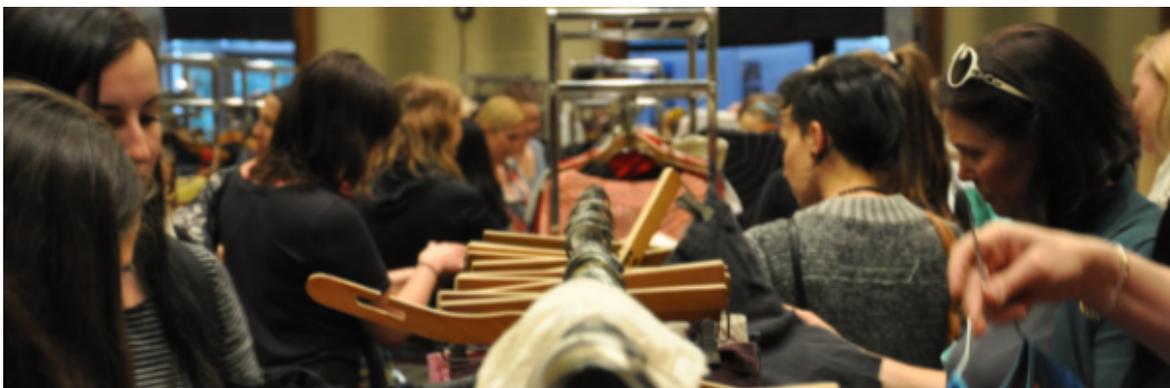
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## Upcoming Events:

- Community Garage Sale - May 8
- Student Led Clothing Swap - May 14

*"There is no beauty in the finest cloth if it makes hunger and unhappiness."*

~ Mahatma Gandhi



## Benefits of Re-Homing Goods

Cutting back the carbon footprint of the fashion industry

According to the most recent IPCC report, the fashion industry produces 10% of global carbon dioxide emissions per year. Textiles are made in one country, shipped to another to be assembled, shipped to another to be sold, then many are thrown in a landfill within 6 months.

In order to reduce the carbon footprint of the fashion industry, the IPCC suggests cutting back on purchasing new goods by 75%!

That means whenever we have something with life left in it, it is crucial that we pass it on. **It feels good to buy used: you know you aren't creating carbon emissions with your purchase, and you are keeping those materials out of the landfill just a little bit longer.**

We have some dates coming up to help you unclutter and simplify your home, and pass those unused goods to where they will be more cherished!

[Read More - theguardian.com](#)

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## **Community Garage Sale** Sunday May 8, 10am - 2pm Creekside Underground Parking

SHOPPERS - admission is free please remember your reusable bag!

VENDORS- Setup is 8:00 - 9:30am, please bring \$25 for admission. All profits are yours to keep.

[Event Information](#)

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## **Fashion Forward Clothing Swap** Saturday May 14, 11am - 3pm Whistler Olympic Plaza

Organized by the Whistler Secondary School Eco Club and participants of AWARE's Project Now. Join students as they adapt consumer culture in our new reality of having a limited carbon budget. All proceeds go to

the Whistler Community Services Society. Entry is by donation or clothing donation; pass on items you used to love, leave with items you can give life to again!

## Event Information

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## Zero Waste Workshop Wrap-Up

### 55 workshops; 1100 students; 20 schools

In partnership with the Squamish Lillooet Regional District, Zero Waste Workshops educated students about what Zero Waste means, how to reduce waste at home, and recycling best practices.

This year we were back in the classrooms across the Sea to Sky Corridor from Squamish to Lillooet. The in-person format allowed us to really engage with students as it offered them space to express their thoughts and feelings around waste in their lives.

All classes that participated were entered into a draw to win a FoodCycler. The lucky winner of this prize is Ms. Montie's Grade 1 class at Signal Hill Elementary, Pemberton. Congratulations!

Thank you to all those who participated and joined us in empowering the youth of today to live more sustainable and zero waste futures. We are already looking forward to next year!

[Learn About our Summer Zero Waste Heroes](#)

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## Small Steps for Big Moves Month 9! This May, Let's Go By Bike!

Reduce emissions, get fit, and have fun!!

- This May, let's take 'small steps for BIG MOVES' by adopting one (or some) of these actions:
- Prepare your bike and gear to [cycle safely](#)
- Sign up for [Go By Bike Week](#) and challenge your friends to join
- Check out [Whistler's secure bike](#) storage options and Bike Valet locations
- Make your morning commute easy by planning and packing the night before
- Encourage friends and colleagues to bike with you!

Whistler is built for bikes, and building in this healthy habit will decrease your daily costs as well as keep you healthy and active.

Ready to take action? Try one (or some) small steps for big moves:

[Click for more of May's Small Steps for Big Moves](#)



### Did You Know?

Last year in BC, Go By Bike tracked 418,026 kgs of greenhouse gas emissions **SAVED** just by travelling on human power instead of fossil fuels! Here are [7 Slow Cycling Routes](#) in BC as ideas for your next low-carbon vacation!

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Thank you for reading!

This Eco-News is to keep you updated on the latest local environmental news. Please share it with friends, we need more of our community updated on climate action and halting biodiversity loss in this place we get to call home.

Please contact me if you have questions, comments, or ideas for future Eco-News!



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