



# FIX IT FUN

Bring your broken items & get free fixes

**SATURDAY, NOV. 9**  
**11AM TO 4PM AT**

 **B** Bennington  
Free  
Library  
101 Silver Street  
benningtonfreelibrary.org

 **BCSWA**  
Reduce - Reuse - Recycle  
BENNINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE

 **ARSL**  
THE ASSOCIATION FOR  
RURAL & SMALL  
LIBRARIES

Thank you for your interest in helping at Fix It Fun (a free community repair event) taking place at the Bennington Free Library Saturday, November 9, 2024. Fix It Fun will open at 11 AM and close at 4 PM.

**Please Note:**

All volunteers should plan to be at the library from 10 AM until 5 PM on Saturday, Nov. 9. Specific schedules will be given to you when you are confirmed as a volunteer fixer or as an event volunteer.

All volunteers should plan to attend an orientation event at the library during the evening of Thursday, November 7, 2024.

**Anyone wishing to volunteer at Fix It Fun must complete these steps BEFORE November 1:**

1. Complete the Fix It Fun House Rules form (page 2)
2. Complete the Fix It Fun Volunteer Agreement (pages 3 and 4)
3. Return both completed forms to Karson Kiesinger, Reference Librarian or to Reference Desk staff. Forms can be emailed to [reference@bfli.org](mailto:reference@bfli.org)
4. If you are selected as a volunteer fixer or an event volunteer, you will receive final confirmation of your role and schedule from the event organizers by or at the November 7 orientation.

**Questions?** Call the Library: 802-442-9051 or email: [reference@bfli.org](mailto:reference@bfli.org)

Fix It Fun Event Contact: Karson Kiesinger, Reference and Adult Services Librarian

## Welcome to Fix It Fun!

In order to have an item repaired at the Fix It Event, each visitor must read and sign our House Rules Form.

### House Rules:

- The work carried out at Fix It Fun is performed free of charge on a voluntary basis by the repair experts present.
- Visitors will be encouraged to participate in the repairs themselves. Repair experts on site will mentor and help make the repairs.
- A voluntary donation is greatly appreciated.
- Any use of new materials such as wires, plugs, fuses, batteries, etc. will be paid for separately by the visitor.
- Visitors offering broken items for repair do so at their own risk.
- Experts making repairs offer no guarantee for the repairs carried out with their help and are not liable if objects that are repaired at Fix It Fun turn out not to work properly at home.
- Repair experts are entitled to refuse to repair certain objects at their discretion.
- Repair experts are not obliged to reassemble disassembled appliances that cannot be repaired.
- Visitors to Fix It Fun are solely responsible for the tidy removal of broken objects that could not be repaired.
- To cut down on unnecessary waiting times a maximum of ONE broken item per visitor will be examined at a time. The visitor will join the back of the line if they have a second item for repair.
- Visitors are solely responsible for recycling or disposal of items that cannot be repaired. Organizers will help find a recycling solution instead of landfilling, but the visitor must take care of disposal.
- The fact that the repairs are being performed by unpaid volunteers reflects the allocation of risks and limitation of liability: neither the organizers of Fix It Fun nor the repair experts are liable for any loss that may result from advice or instructions concerning repairs, for the loss of items handed over for repair, for indirect or consequential loss or for any other kind of loss resulting from work performed at Fix It Fun. The limitations set forth in these House Rules shall not apply to claims declared justified on the basis of liability arising by virtue of applicable consumer protection legislation which cannot be lawfully superseded.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

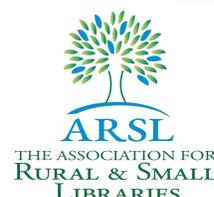
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I authorize Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) and Bennington Free Library (BFL) to print, publish, or reproduce (in all forms and media, for any and all purposes including publication and advertising of every description) any photography taken of me or my minor child during Fix It Fun.

I do not authorize BCSWA and BFL to use my photograph or that of my minor child for any reason.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Fix It Fun VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT FORM

Thank you for your willingness to share your skills at Fix It Fun! Please read the volunteer agreement and the House Rules and sign at the bottom indicating that you are willing to follow this agreement. Happy fixing!

1. The goal of Fix It Fun is to repair things together, to empower the visitors to participate in the repair and to learn from each other. We will encourage visitors to participate in the repair of the items that they bring to Fix It Fun. Feel free to ask other “fixperts” in the room for advice if you have difficulty with a repair.
2. Agree to the House Rules.
3. Safety is the #1 concern. Please employ all reasonable safety precautions.
  - a. All items that are powered by 120 volts (or more) will first be given a brief test to see if they trip the circuit breaker or GFCI and to confirm that there is no live voltage on the outside of the item.
4. You are responsible for bringing the tools needed for the repairs you are offering. You will not use another person’s tools and equipment without their permission and vice versa.
5. You may bring materials and parts that you are willing to supply.
6. If materials or parts are needed:
  - a. If you (or other fixperts) have them available, you may ask the owner of the item to be repaired to reimburse you for the cost of the parts that you provide.
  - b. We have planned the event during a time when local hardware or parts stores are open so that visitors can purchase parts and materials if needed.
  - c. Alternatively, the owner of the item can buy the parts and come to a future Fix It Fun event to finish the repair.
7. If a project will take too long or needs unavailable parts or tools:
  - a. We’ll have a “homework” sheet for you to complete for the visitor. On it, you may offer basic information about pre-work, a list of needed supplies, or instructions on how to finish a repair. You can also note helpful resources.
  - b. If the repair is beyond the scope of our five-hour event, please try to refer visitors to a future Fix It Fun event or possibly to someone who can finish the job (in some cases this might be your business).
  - c. If you don't have the tools or materials needed to perform some repair projects, please let us know. (This could help us to be better prepared for future Fix It Fun events.)
8. There are limits to what we can attempt to fix during this event.
  - a. If an item cannot be fixed at the event because of a lack of parts, it is appropriate to tell that visitor that it cannot be fixed at the event.
  - b. If you anticipate that a project will be very time consuming, it is appropriate to tell the visitor that it is beyond the scope of the event.
  - c. You are not obligated to begin--or finish--a difficult or long repair. If you think that it can be repaired, given the necessary parts or tools, please do put the item back together.
  - d. If you take something apart and it cannot be fixed, you are not obligated to put it back together.
9. BCSWA will provide information to visitors about where they can reuse, recycle, or dispose of an item that is beyond the point of repair.
10. If you have a repair-related business, you are welcome to provide business cards to participants. There will also be a display area to post/provide information about your business and other repair services you are aware of.

11. As a volunteer at Fix It Fun, you will be requested to sign this volunteer statement to acknowledge your voluntary status at the event. Each visitor will be required to sign a form absolving you (as the “fixpert”) of liability for attempted and completed repairs.

Your Area of Expertise (fixing you will provide): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Keep me on the email list to stay updated about future events! YES or NO

How did you hear about this event?  
Please mark all that apply.

Internet Search		Email Announcement/Listserv	
Facebook		Word of Mouth	
Flyer		Front Porch Forum	
Newspaper		Other	

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In case of an emergency please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

