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NIAGARA FREE STORE

a mini guide

ESTABLISHED IN 2018.

the Niagara Free Store is a

mutual aid project of OPIRG

Brock, where we take things

that people aren't using and

give them back out for free - no questions asked!



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sponsor the Miagara Free Store!

Donate to, volunteer with, or

Having a store of free items helps us to challenge wasteful consumerism and present alternatives.

It allows people to get the things they need with fewer barriers.

The Free Store operates on the philosophy that there is more than enough to go around.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Free Store operates on donations. We gather useful items in good condition, and hold pop-up "stores" at local events in the region, where folks can come and take things they need or want.

We fulfill specific donation requests from community members when we can, and maintain an inventory of donations year-round.



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Donations can also be dropped off at a Free Store!
All dates will be listed on:

GLM-A I21, Brock University

• CUPE 4207 Office GLN-A I23 &

Common, St. Catharines

. Marilyn I. Walker, I5 Artists'

Fine Grind Cafe, 37 James Street
 St. Catharines

The Free Store is an ever evolving and growing project that is run by volunteers. Our volunteer teams staff Free Stores, organize our storage locker, and contribute to its longterm planning and goals!

VOLUNTEERS

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

THE FREE STORE?

CONTRIBUTE TO

HOW CAN !

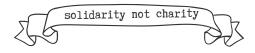
- Hobby & Craft Items Toys & Games
 - Gently-used Clothes Tools
- Gardening supplies Sporting & Exercise Gear
- Books Small Appliances & Furniture
 - Bikes School Supplies
 - Audio & Electronica Pet Supplies
 - Art & Collectibles Musical Instruments
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THE FREE STORE ACCEPTS (NEW & GENTLY USED):





Mutual aid is the act of community - our collective action in taking care of eachother. Mutual aid is an ancient practice, and has deep roots amongst Black communities, im/migrants, sexual & gender diverse folks, and otherwise marginalized groups, as a way of surviving.

Source: Black Communities Have Known about Mutual Aid All Along | The Walrus

WHY IS MUTUAL AID IMPORTANT?

Oppressive systems - such as capitalism - create the conditions for poverty to exist.

Under capitalism we are not guaranteed the basic necessities to survive. Mutual aid works to create networks of care to meet each of our immediate needs and build solidarity, while challenging the systems of oppression that got us here in the first place.

HOW IS THE FREE STORE MUTUAL AID?

Free Stores challenge capitalist scarcity myths tell us that there isn't enough to go around. It is a place where items can be donated by anyone and redistributed to everyone, with no conditions or proof of need. The Free Store shows us that there is more than enough for everyone, and scarcity discourse is harmful.