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Fountain Valley's First Fixit Clinic

Some people throw things away when they break, others get to learn how to fix them at the City of Fountain Valley's first "Fixit Clinic" on Saturday, June 18, 2016, 12:00 to 2:00 pm, at the Center at Founders Village, 17967 Bushard Street. Whether or not you have the skills to patch, glue or weld broken stuff back into useful shape, you can get repair help from the resourceful volunteers at the Fixit Clinic. No need to throw it out when it can get repaired.

The idea of repairing things at the Fixit Clinics has become a hip social movement, adding repair to the mantra of reduce, reuse, recycle. Residents can bring in small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more to receive free guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot and fix items. Items brought in will be weighed to track how many pounds of material were kept out of the landfill. Fixit Clinics, such as this one, build community connections and reduce the number of repairable objects that are thrown in the trash.

For additional information, visit the City's website at www.fountainvalley.org, or call the Fountain Valley Public Works Department at (714) 593-4441.



Fountain Valley



Fix Your Broken Stuff! (or at least learn more about disassembling it)

When: June 18, 2016, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: The Center at Founders Village, 17967 Bushard St., Fountain Valley

Bring your broken electronics, small appliances, computers, toys, bicycles, etc. for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair. Give new life to broken stuff!

BONUS! We'll have sewing experts on hand at this **Fixit Clinic** to coach you through textile repair.

We provide workspace, specialty tools, and guidance to help you take apart and troubleshoot your broken item. Hopefully your item is fixable, but if not, you will learn more about how it was manufactured and how it worked. This is a family-friendly event open to Fountain Valley residents. Children, ages 6, and up are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult.

BRING:

1. Your broken or non-working item (carry-in only – no stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, or other oversize items)
2. Accessories, parts and tools you already own that might be helpful (e.g. phillips head screwdriver, small pliers)
3. Any knowledge or advance research you've done on the issue
4. Boxes, bags, and/or small containers to organize (and carry away) parts

Do you want to help others and coach at our **Fixit Clinic**? Register at:

<http://fixitclinic.blogspot.com/p/scheduled-events.html>

Find more info on **Fixit Clinic** at www.fixitclinic.org

Questions? Contact Kerry at ktwakely@gmail.com or Steve at steve.hauerwaas@fountainvalley.org

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ELECTRONICS:

vacuums, radios, toasters,
mixers, lamps, tools,
computers, *small* kitchen
appliances



BICYCLES:

change flats, repair
chains, or fix brakes



TOYS:

robots, speakers,
electronic games, talking
toys, remote control toys



CLOTHING & TEXTILES:

hem, patch, or mend
draperies, shirts, pants,
skirts, or other cloth items

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