



# ReNews

Finger Lakes ReUse

Enhancing Community, Economy, and Environment through ReUse

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## FLR Launching Fixers Collective



Finger Lakes ReUse invites everyone who has things to fix, wants to help fix items, or wants to learn how to repair items to a planning meeting for our new Fixers Collective. This will be a gathering of folks who want to prolong the lifespan of household items such as home electronics,

furniture, small appliances and more. The planning meeting will be in early November 2012. Please fill out the [Fixers Collective survey](#) to let us know if you are interested in attending or in learning more.

## FLR Partners with Snug Planet to Reduce Heating Loss in NY Homes

Two Ithaca companies, [Snug Planet](#) and [Taitem Engineering](#), have been awarded a \$300,000 contract to improve the energy performance of New York homes.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) awarded the contract with the goal of implementing the “deep energy retrofit” approach on existing homes. This method involves adding layers of insulation to a home’s outer walls, attics and basements to seal in heat more effectively. Windows, heating,



ventilation, and hot water systems may also get an upgrade. Deep energy retrofits have been shown to reduce heating energy use by 60-75%.

Finger Lakes ReUse is partnering with Snug Planet to assist in preparatory work, making way for the deep energy retrofit technology to be implemented. Our Deconstruction Crew is removing old siding and insulation, helping to maximize the preservation of reusable materials.

### Volunteers from Databound help at eCenter



Finger Lakes ReUse wants to thank Kris Foster, Don Tompkins and Paul Martin from [Databound Solutions](#) for their weekly volunteer efforts with Finger Lake ReUse for the past year!

The team has been assisting our [eCenter](#) in sorting and categorizing incoming donations, computer triage and testing, and installing updated software to prepare donated computers for resale. More about these volunteers [here](#).

### Electronic Waste Collection Day

Bring your old, broken or simply unwanted computers and electronics to the Trumansburg Farmers Market on Saturday October 13th between 9 am and 3 pm. This electronic waste collection day is a fundraising



event by Back-To-Democracy, Habitat for Humanity's Trumansburg Build Project and Ulysses youth programs! Items will be collected for refurbishing by Finger Lakes ReUse or recycling by REACT. Acceptable items include cellphones, audio/video equipment, microwaves, vacuums, computer monitors, laptops, keyboards, cables and cords, videogame consoles, scanners, printers, DVD players, TVs and other electronics. Please do not bring large appliances. For more questions, email [ulyssesewaste@yahoo.com](mailto:ulyssesewaste@yahoo.com). If you are interested in helping collect materials, please email [michael@fingerlakesreuse.org](mailto:michael@fingerlakesreuse.org) by October 10.

### Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair Seeks Volunteers

The Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair seeks volunteers to assist with data entry and other tasks during the



fair and afterwards. The Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair, sponsored by the Center for Transformative Action and Tompkins Community Action, is a yearly fundraising event for our local community. Last year \$60,000 was raised for the participating organizations, including Finger Lakes ReUse. Anyone interested in volunteering should email [ithacaalternativegiftfair@gmail.com](mailto:ithacaalternativegiftfair@gmail.com). More information at: [www.ithacaaltgiftfair.org](http://www.ithacaaltgiftfair.org)

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