

A First-Time Fixer's Guide to Repair Fairs in Marin

Zero Waste Marin, the governmental Joint Powers Authority on waste, has partnered with Reuse Alliance to bring Repair Fairs to Marin County. These Repair Fairs are powered by volunteer fixers who help community members fix common items - and we'd love to have **you** as a volunteer Fixer!

What is a Repair Fair?

At Repair Fairs, community members bring common household items for free repair. They sit with a Repair Coach (**you!**) who helps explain their approach to fixing.

How does being a Fixer work?

1. Sign up for an event date that works for you on the Reuse Alliance website:
<https://www.reusealliance.org/rf-volunteer>
2. In the sign-up form, you will indicate what kinds of items you are comfortable fixing (e.g. lamps, small appliances, clothing)
3. Bring the tools you'll need to fix the item on the day of the event.
4. Fix items and feel happy!

What tools should I bring?

The tools you will need depend on what category of fixing you are doing (e.g. lamps, small appliances, or clothing mending).

Visit Reuse Alliance's [suggested Tools List](#) to learn more.



Should I bring parts?

Reuse Alliance provides parts for the most common issues. Some fixes may require an unusual part, which we consider a "partial fix".

Volunteers will also have access to the list of pre-registered items, and can let Reuse Alliance know if a part needs to be ordered.

What if I can't fix something?

That's ok! Not everything is fixable by a volunteer. All participants sign a waiver acknowledging that they are accessing a free service, and the fix is not guaranteed. Some folks will walk away with a diagnosis of the problem, and others will be directed to professional services in the area.