Salvage Sheds in Orange County, a Snapshot

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Sheds set up at all sites

- Staffed sites started 1993
- Six sites replaced 19 unstaffed sites throughout
 Orange County
- Eventually all but one got sheds (too small)
- Now five sites four have sheds
- Active all the time
- A source of conflict and joy
- Wide variety of users

Types of Shed Users

Dropping Off

- o Good reusable items
- o "Someone could use this if they just fix it up"
- o The clueless expired food, three legged tables, broken dishes

OPicking Up

- o For home use
- o For re-sale (the perennial yard sale, Craigs list, flea markets?)
- Scrap metal scavengers
- Re-distribution to the needy

The workers hate me for the sheds

- Source of conflict among users
- Workers have to clean at the end of the day est.
 30% discarded (like PTA thrift stores)
- Dangerous glass objects are broken
- Children unsupervised, playing with stuff

The RULES

SALVAGE SHEDS ARE TO KEEP USABLE ITEMS OUT OF THE LANDFILL

- Orange County Residents ONLY.
- No garbage or yard sale remnants.
- No broken or stained objects.
- No clothing, mattresses, sleeper sofas, box-springs, toilets or broken mirrors.
- No construction material, paint or hazardous material.
- Be respectful of this site and other peoples' property.
- Orange County makes no warranties or guarantees of any kind on any item in this Salvage Shed.
- Center operator has final say on item acceptability.
- Orange County does not permit loitering at this site.

VISITS ARE LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES ONCE PER DAY

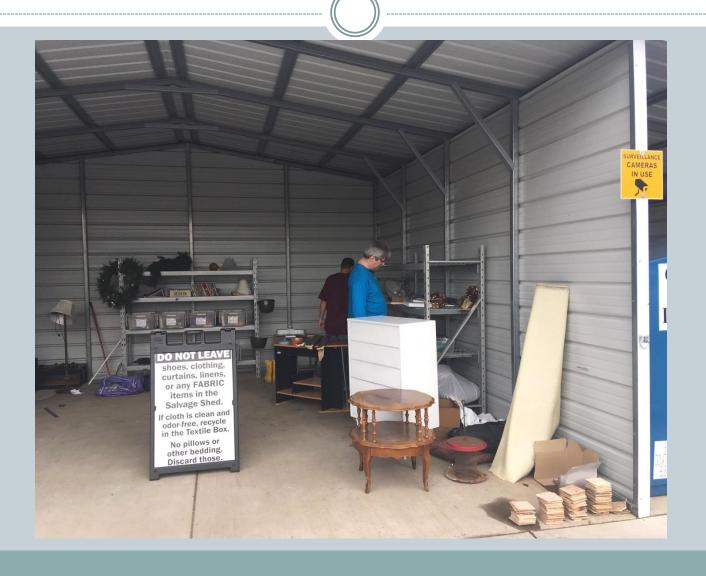
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LOS COBERTIZOS DE OBJETOS RECUPERADOS SON PARA EVITAR QUE COSAS UTILIZABLES VAYAN A LA BASURA

More RULES



Eubanks Shed (the busiest) in action



At the end of the day.....



REALLY PEOPLE!



The lively and not-so-lively bookshelves





Everything here gone in 15 minutes



The Bryants and their haul



Retail Value of the Bryant's Haul

- Space heater..... \$38
- Dumbbell......\$25
- Three-Tier Metal Shelf..... \$30
- 3 extension cords: (total value)..\$15
- Three drawer rolling storage.....\$19
- Total retail value saved: \$127
- Time on site: <15 minutes

Dr. Kennedy and his amusements (my hero)



My neighbor Rick goes ~three times a week and:

- All his 3 daughters' Christmas
 Presents from THE SHED
- He scavenges school supplies for local elementary school
 - Brings gifts to work for others
 - Cleans stuff up & uses it "It keeps me out of trouble"

What Gets Dropped Off

Birdhouse

Glass block

Plastic Toilet seat for handicapped

Books

Figurines

Suitcase

Dimmer Switch

Bar Stool

Router

Computer connecting cables

Large wooden shelving unit

Electric cord

CD Player/boombox/radio

Eubanks 4 day Inventory -- extrapolated

		# Items in	# Cars Dropping off	Lbs. IN	Ave lbs/car In	Items out	Ratio Out/In		t Store	# of "Shoppers"
	Thursday	25	20	210	11	11	44%	\$	33	27
	Friday	69	11	326	30	18	26%	n/a		48
	Saturday	222	17	1,024	60	54	24%	\$	110	60
	Sunday	195	20	1,206	60	14	7%	\$	29	39
	Totals	511	68	2,766	41	97	19%	\$	172	174
Anuual	-	195,969	26,078	1,060,761		37,200		\$	87,949	66,729
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AVOIDED TIPPING FEES				\$ 23,602						
Total value thrift store value + tip fee				\$ 111,551						