The Neighborhood Trust Association

Learning to Share Once Again

We teach our children to share their things with each other; we know that it builds character. But we usually don't share our possessions as adults. Once burned, twice shy, we have decided to keep our things to ourselves. In doing so, we have lost a strong basis for ideal community life. The purpose of the Neighborhood Trust Association is to increase trust within our society by making sharing easy once again.

The honorable sharing of minor possessions:

- *Builds trust between friends
- *Conserves environmental resources
- *Reduces clutter
- *Saves money for better individual and group purchases

The essence of the Neighborhood Trust Association are the rules on the right and the sign-out sheet below, which provide a structure for trust. These rules are based on those of public libraries, through which we have been successfully borrowing from each other for hundreds of years.

For more information and for free downloadable forms, see www.NeighborhoodTrust.Org.

Rules for Honorable Sharing

1) Don't borrow what you couldn't pay for;
2) Don't loan what you couldn't do without;
3) Borrower returns the item by the agreed-upon date or expects to pay a fine; and
4) Lender determines the amount of extra compensation (if necessary) for damage or loss, and notifies borrower of that within seven days of the item's return; borrower compensates lender within 30 days.

Disclaimer:*The Neighborhood Trust Association does not address--nor is it to be held responsible for--the condition, instructions regarding use or safety in use of shared items. These points must be agreed upon at the time of each sharing event.*

Cross out each line when the item has been returned

Name	Borrowed from	Lent to	Item	Date to return	Agreed fine/day	Date returned	Total fine	Amount paid
John Doe 629-4478		√	Weed eater	10/5	$1.00	10/3		