

2025 Saskatchewan Repair Café Report

Summary

SWRC promotes circular economy principles, including keeping materials in use at their highest value as long as possible. Repair is key to that effort. We work to create a culture of repair, and Repair Café events are one way to establish that culture. Another objective of the project is to encourage community members and organizations to take on hosting Repair Cafés themselves, rather than SWRC coordinating remotely.

SWRC's work on Repair Cafes is sponsored by Affinity Credit Union, which we are very grateful for.

In 2025, 43 Repair Cafés were held in ten Saskatchewan Communities (Table 1), 20 more than in 2024. SWRC directly organized six of these events (Table 2), and we kept in touch with the other organizations to compile stats from all events (Table 3).

We facilitated video meet-ups in August and October for Sask Repair Café organizers. Participants were able to share their experiences and ask questions of SWRC.

These meet-ups were well received and we will be continuing these going forward.

Repair Stations:

Any given Repair Café offers repairs according to the skills of the volunteers. The variety of 2025 repair stations included:

- sewing & mending
- small appliances
- audio visual equipment
- computers – updates, cleaning, minor repair
- bicycle repair & maintenance
- electric guitar repairs
- plastic welding
- knife sharpening
- lawnmower repair
- glue & tape
- costume jewelry repair

Media & Presentations

Media exposure increased in 2025. SWRC also presented at conferences in Winnipeg and Saskatoon about the Repair Café Project.

Media stories:

- [Repair Café returning to Estevan with free fixes and a call for volunteers](#)
- [Lloydminster Repair Café](#)
- [A culture of repair: SWRC seeking volunteers for upcoming Repair Cafe](#)
- [What's the fix? Repair Cafe coming up this Saturday](#)
- [ICYMI: Repair Cafe returns to Weyburn Public Library](#)

- [Sharing skills: SWRC Repair Cafe Weyburn volunteers share on helping out](#)
- [Book your fix for Repair Cafe coming to WPL](#)
- [Local Repair Cafe highlights Waste Reduction Week in Weyburn](#)
- [Repair Café helps Regina residents fix broken items](#)
- [Another Successful Repair Cafe](#) – EnviroCollective Newsletter

Presentations: (Bobbie Duns, SWRC Events Coordinator)

- "[Keeping the Ball Rolling: Repair Cafés in Saskatchewan](#)" at the SWANA Northern Lights Conference (June 12, 2025): An overview of SWRC's work on Repair Cafés
- "[Repair Cafés: Building a Culture of Repair](#)" at the SALT Solid Waste Management Gathering (November 20, 2025): How to host a Repair Café in your community.

Stats

Table 1: Saskatchewan Communities with Repair Cafés in 2025		
Community	Total Repair Cafes in 2025	Organized by
Estevan	1	SWRC
Gravelbourg	1	Gravelbourg Green Initiatives
Lloydminster	1	SWRC
North Battleford	1	SWRC
Prince Albert	12	Prince Albert Repair Café
Regina	8	EnviroCollective
Saskatoon	20	Saskatoon Makerspace
Swift Current	2	Swift Current Repair Cafe
Weyburn	2	SWRC
Yorkton	1	SWRC
Total Communities: 10	Total Events: 43	

Table 2: Repair Cafés organized by SWRC in 2025							
Date	City	Volunteers	Repair Rate	Items seen	Items fixed	Partial fix	Not fixed
8-Feb-25	North Battleford	13	82%	11	9	1	1
1-Mar-25	Weyburn	12	64%	22	14	3	5
29-Mar-25	Estevan	9	100%	12	12	0	0
4-Oct-25	Lloydminster	8	85%	13	11	2	0
25-Oct-25	Weyburn	9	82%	39	32	2	5
25-Oct-25	Yorkton	6	76%	21	16	0	5
		57	80%	118	94	8	16

Date	City	Volunteers	Repair Rate	Items seen	Items fixed	Partial fix	Not fixed
4-Jan-25	Prince Albert	10	53%	17	9		8
1-Feb-25	Prince Albert	10	91%	11	10		1
1-Mar-25	Prince Albert	9	69%	16	11		5
29-Mar-25	Regina	12	71%	70	50		8
29-Mar-25	Swift Current	41	86%	214	185		29
5-Apr-25	Prince Albert	8	77%	13	10		3
3-May-25	Gravelbourg	<i>No stats available</i>					
3-May-25	Prince Albert	6	93%	14	13		1
31-May-25	Regina	11	72%	92	66	8	13
7-Jun-25	Prince Albert	7	89%	9	8		1
5-Jul-25	Prince Albert	7	36%	28	10		18
19-Jul-25	Regina	12	93%	57	53	0	14
1-Aug-25	Regina	<i>No stats available</i>					
3-Aug-25	Prince Albert	8	77%	22	17		5
6-Sep-25	Prince Albert	8	40%	20	8		6
6-Sep-25	Regina	21	67%	115	77	5	33
4-Oct-25	Prince Albert	7	50%	8	4		4
4-Oct-25	Regina	14	73%	74	54	1	19
25-Oct-25	Swift Current	31	73%	272	198		74
1-Nov-25	Prince Albert	9	38%	16	6		10
8-Nov-25	Regina	12	73%	70	51	0	18
6-Dec-25	Prince Albert	4	67%	6	4		2
6-Dec-25	Regina	17	80%	71	57	0	14
20 Events	Saskatoon	60	69%	95*	66*		29*
Total Events: 43		324	74%	1310	967	14	315

**Estimate as exact numbers were not tracked properly*

Note: In June, Saskatoon Makerspace started holding weekly events with each event focusing on a different type of repair (e.g. sewing, electronics, woodworking, welding, etc). They held 20 events this year, but weren't able to track the number of items accurately.