



**Westside Repair Café**

Toss it away? **NO WAY!**



The Westside Repair Café is a Zero Waste Event

## **THE FIXER'S MANIFESTO**

1. **IF IT'S BROKEN, FIX IT!** BECAUSE EVERYDAY PRACTICAL PROBLEM SOLVING IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FORM OF CREATIVITY THERE IS.
2. **IF IT'S NOT BROKEN, IMPROVE IT.** A SMALL, CLEVER TWEAK CAN IMPROVE HOW SOMETHING WORKS FOR YEARS TO COME.
3. **GIVE YOUR PRODUCTS A LONGER LIFE.** IF WE DOUBLE THE LIFE OF OUR STUFF, WE HALVE WHAT GOES TO LANDFILL.
4. **FIXING MEANS FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.** AS A FIXER, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT WEAR AND TEAR. NOTHING STAYS NEW, SO FORGET PERFECTION.
5. **RESIST TRENDS AND NEEDLESS UPGRADES.** THEY FUEL OUR THROWAWAY CULTURE.
6. **DON'T LET COMPANIES TREAT YOU AS A PASSIVE CONSUMER.** EVERY TIME WE SPEND MONEY, WE VOTE FOR THE KINDS OF PRODUCTS WE WANT TO SEE SUCCEED. BUY PRODUCTS THAT CAN BE REPAIRED.
7. **A FIXED THING IS A BEAUTIFUL THING.** EVERY FIX, WHETHER SKILLFUL OR IMPROVISED, HOLDS A STORY.
8. **IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA, START SMALL AND MAKE IT GOOD.** IF IT'S RIGHT, IT'LL GROW FROM THERE.
9. **NURTURE YOUR CURIOSITY.** KEEP TRYING THINGS YOU'VE NEVER TRIED BEFORE. IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN AND YOUR SOUL. DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL — IT MAKES SUCCESS ALL THE SWEETER.
10. **PEOPLE ARE INFINITELY DIVERSE. PRODUCTS SHOULD BE TOO.** EVERYTHING CAN BE IMPROVED OR CUSTOMIZED.
11. **DISPOSABILITY IS A CHOICE, NOT A PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC.** PLASTICS AREN'T EVIL, BUT WE'RE USING THEM WRONG. TREAT THEM WITH RESPECT.

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