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## The below list is adapted from events hosted in Halifax through the Summer PLEY series om 2019. Use this as a guide for who you might approach or purchase from in your local community. Often a quick call to a store to explain what you are looking for will result in a few things being set aside for pick up.

**Sourcing of Loose Parts**

The initial sourcing of loose parts can take time but once you have built your inventory there are many items that will last a long time or that can replaced periodically with less efforts.

Once you have set up your channels for free supplies or purchases the maintenance of your loose parts will become part of your routine rather than a large added tasks to a busy schedule.

You can intentionally approach some suppliers such as a bike shop, hardware store or sport store to donate some items and/or be a supplier.

**General List of Loose Parts Suppliers**

**Bike Tubes and Tires** – source from your local bike repair shop.

**Car Tires -** Walmart and other Tire installation shops or mechanic

**Fabric Cut Outs & Flowerpots -** Walmart

**Frisbees –** Purchased from Sport Chek or Dollarstore

**Hoola Hoops –**Dollar Store and Walmart

**Hose –** Donation or sourced from parents getting rid of a broken one

**Hub Caps, Interlocking Rubber Mats, & Large Cardboard Boxes**

Large cardboard boxes are often easily obtained, key places to target include big chain retailers such as Walmart, and Sporting retailers such as Sport Chek, and Bicycle shops . MEC.

**Milk Crates -** Donated to us by community members.

**Mini Logs & Mini Planks –** You can ask for some donations from families or approach your local supported social enterprise employment organization.

**Misc. Kitchen Items - S**ome of the kitchen items were obtained from the dollar store, the remainder of the parts were obtained from donations.

**Misc. Rope -** Donated by community members

**Pool Noodles -** Purchased from Dollarama and Walmart.

**Pallets -** Pallets can be easily sourced from a variety of areas. Local universities or colleges are great sources. In general, pallets can be obtained from many stores or businesses in industrial parks, however caution should be taken as some pallets -especially ones that are painted blue go back to the original manufacturer, and those with HCP stamped on them are pressure treated – so masks should be worn whilst sanding them.

**Plastic Buckets –** Can be donated from local hardware store or purchased.

**Plastic Cups -** Purchased.

**Plastic Flower Pots -** Obtained from the garden center at the Walmart or other large stores

**Plastic Mesh Roll, Pots, & PVC Pipes -** purchased from Kent or other hardware stored.

**Pylons & Saw Horses –** on loan from team member.

**Scrap Wood –** warped wood may be donated from a local lumber mill or hardware supply store

**Spools –** Yatch clubs and hardware stores are good options. This can be harder to come by. Large construction projects or electricians often have spools periodically.

**Stumps, Wooden Crates, & Wooden Planks:** this is a good item to request from families or community.