



RESOURCES FOR DONATING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS IN THE TWIN CITIES

Dropping your or your loved ones' things into an anonymous metal bin in a parking lot can feel really heartless. The burden of letting things go can be eased when you know things are going to an audience in need. This is a list of some charities and resources I use when helping people de-clutter or empty spaces.

FURNITURE

Bridging (Drop offs in Bloomington and Roseville.) - www.bridging.org

Provides furniture and home goods to people transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. Accepts new or gently used furniture (free of rips, stains, pet hair). Pick-ups can be scheduled for a fee. 952-888-1105

Steeple People Thrift Store - <http://hennepinchurch.org/steeplepeople/>

Will pick up furniture when at least three items are being donated (may be a small fee). Items can also be dropped off at the Minneapolis store. Please call ahead if you plan to make a large donation. 612-871-8305

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Textiles and clothes that are stained or torn can still be donated to many places. Items are sold to recyclers with proceeds benefiting the organization. See websites or call for specific guidelines.

ARC - www.arcsvaluevillage.org

Locations in Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, New Hope, Richfield, and St. Paul.

Goodwill (40+ drop off locations.) - <http://www.goodwilleasterseals.org/>

Salvation Army - <http://salvationarmynorth.org/community/twin-cities-metro/locations/stores/>

8 Twin City store locations and over 80 drop-boxes. See website for locations. Free pick-ups in some areas.

Sarah's Oasis For Women (Highland Park, St. Paul) - <http://sarahsoasis.org/about-sarahs/>

Serves women from over 67 nations who have survived violence, abuse, torture, discrimination and other difficult circumstances. Sarah's accepts items including women's toiletries, small and medium sized clothing, backpacks, school supplies, alarm clocks, umbrellas, kitchen utensils and towels, good condition twin mattresses and bedding, end tables and desks, lamps, good condition area rugs and other items.

The Free Store (@ Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th Street, Minneapolis) - <http://centrallmpls.org/#/community-ministry/the-free-store>

Donations of clothing (especially men's), towels, sheets, small household items, jackets, hats, new socks and underwear, as well as other items are needed. Donations may be brought to the main south entrance of the church anytime the campus is open. Tax receipt forms are available. Items are given to those in need at no charge.

CHILD AND INFANT

Tapestry Pregnancy and Family Resource Center (South Minneapolis) – www.tapestryfamilies.org

Tapestry is one of the only locations in the Twin Cities that **accepts car seats**, strollers, and other infant items that most organizations cannot take due to liability concerns. All items are thoroughly checked and vetted by their staff before distribution. Clothes, toys, books, and all things size newborn through 6T accepted. Visit website for donation hours.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Some solid waste pick-up companies take electronics. Contact the property's waste management provider to find out if and how they take electronics.

Best Buy - <http://www.bestbuy.com/> (See Services, Recycle Your Old Products)

All Best Buy locations should accept used electronics for recycling. There is a limit of 3 items per household per day including no more than 2 TVs. Contact store site to confirm hours and what is accepted.

City or County Hazardous Waste Collection Site (See list under Hazardous Waste. May have fees.)

Tech Dump (Golden Valley and St. Paul) - <http://www.techdump.org/>

Tech Dump recycles electronics for a fee while providing job training and practical experience for adults facing barriers to employment. 612-213-1805

GENERAL MATERIAL DISPOSAL

Contact the property's waste management service provider. Many companies will pick up large items that meet specific guidelines (weight, size, material). If Waste Management will not pick it up check the county websites listed below for information on transfer stations (dumps).

Hazardous Waste

Items that may cause harm to the environment if disposed with other trash (pesticides, pool chemicals, engine oil, antifreeze, paint, gas, fluorescent bulbs, etc.) should be taken to a Hazardous Waste collection site.

Counties differ in what they will accept. See websites for complete details.

Anoka: <https://www.anokacounty.us/369/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Facility>

Carver: <http://recyclecarver.org/hhw/>

Dakota: <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/environment/recyclingzone/pages/default.aspx>

Hennepin: <http://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/drop-off-facilities>

Ramsey: http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/hw/household_hazardous_waste_collection_sites.htm

Scott: www.co.scott.mn.us/HHW

Washington: <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter>

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore - <http://restore.tchabitat.org/>

Extra construction and remodel materials that are in decent condition can be donated to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in New Brighton. Large loads may be picked up from the property. Donations are tax deductible. 612-588-3820

*Find locations to drop off paint at <http://www.paintcare.org/>

PROFESSIONAL CLOTHES

The following organizations help people enter the work force by providing professional wear and accessories.

Dress for Success (St. Paul) - <https://twincities.dressforsuccess.org/>

Accepts women's professional attire including interview suits, professional separates (blouses, slacks, dresses, blazers), shoes, accessories, and winter outerwear. 651-646-6000

Ready for Success (Minneapolis) - <http://readyforsuccessmn.org/>

Accepts men and woman's professional and business casual clothing including suits, dress shirts, slacks, skirts, season outerwear, handbags and shoes, belts and ties. Additionally seeking new full-sized personal care products, socks and t-shirts. 612-872-1509

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Play It Forward - <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/radio/services/cms/playitforward/>

Vega Productions - <http://www.vegaproductions.org/getinvolved/instrument>

BOOKS

Books for Africa (St. Paul drop off) <https://www.booksforafrica.org/donate/donate-books.html>

Hennepin County Libraries (Multiple locations) - <http://www.hclib.org/pub/info/donations.cfm>

Most libraries accept books to be sold during fundraising events.

Women's Prison Book Project (Minneapolis drop off) - www.wpbp.org/book-donations

ART AND CREATIVE SUPPLIES

Art supplies (crayons, scissors, glue, tape, paper, paint, buttons, beads, costume jewelry, etc.) are welcomed at many schools, daycares, churches, retirement homes, art centers, or anywhere that art is made.

Additionally, the sites below provide arts programming to kids in the Twin Cities.

Free Arts Minnesota (Minneapolis drop off) - <http://www.freeartsminnesota.org/>

Conducts art programs serving youth who have experienced poverty, homelessness, abuse or mental illness.

FORMAL WEAR

The following organizations connect low-income high school students with formal wear for school dances. Unique but less contemporary formal wear may be of interest to a community or school theater program.

Glass Slipper Project – www.operationglassslipper.org

Donate My Dress – www.donatemydress.org

CONSIGNMENT

Twin Cities Consignment, Resale, and Re-Purpose - <http://www.twincitiesconsignment.com/>
List of consignment and resale shops throughout the Twin Cities.

PET SUPPLIES

Animal Humane Society - <https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/>

Five locations in the Twin Cities metro and accepts unused toys, treats, leashes and other items.

People and Pets Together - <http://www.peopleandpetstogether.org/>

This animal resource accepts unopened bags of food and new/slightly used supplies. Many drop off locations.

OTHER RESOURCES

Haulers

There are many hauling companies in the Twin Cities. Most charge based the volume of items being picked up. If items are heavy, large, or require a number of stairs to get out, discuss that prior to pick-up.

Junk Genius - <http://twincities.junkgenius.com/>

Got Junk - http://www.1800gotjunk.com/us_en/locations/junk-removal-twin-cities

Paper Recycling - WestRock (formerly RockTenn) - 2250 Wabash Avenue, St. Paul, MN

This industrial paper recycler has a window where cars can drop off cardboard, newsprint, and office paper.

TUBS Dumpsters - <http://www.tubsinc.com/twincities.html>

Offers smaller dumpsters ideal household waste. See website for restrictions. 612-825-8827



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