

# Donation opportunities



Donating usable items to charitable organizations is a great way to help your community. You'll also save money and keep items out of the landfill.

Find donation opportunities in Hennepin County.



# Got stuff to donate?

These organizations accept many different types of items. The programs and services listed here are either funded by the proceeds from the sale of your donations or use the donated goods as part of their charitable programs. Check organization websites or call for accepted items before donating.

Name	Books and Music	Clothing and Accessories	Household Items	Furniture	School and Office Supplies	Sporting Goods	Toys	Home pickup service available
Arc's Value Village Thrift Store <a href="http://arcvaluevillage.org">arcvaluevillage.org</a> Bloomington 952-818-8708 New Hope 763-544-0006 Richfield 612-861-9550	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Assistance League Thrift Shop <a href="http://althriftshop.org">althriftshop.org</a> Richfield 612-866-2135	X	X	X	X				
Bethesda Thrift Shop <a href="http://bethesdalc.org/visit-our-thrift-shops/minnesota-minnetonka-thrift-shop/">bethesdalc.org/visit-our-thrift-shops/minnesota-minnetonka-thrift-shop/</a> Minnetonka 952-939-0988	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Bibles for Missions Thrift Store <a href="http://biblesformissionscrystal.org">biblesformissionscrystal.org</a> Crystal 763-522-1786	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bridging <a href="http://bridging.org">bridging.org</a> Bloomington 952-888-1105			X	X				X
C.R.O.S.S. <a href="http://crossservices.org">crossservices.org</a> Rogers 763-425-1050	X	X	X				X	
Disabled American Vets <a href="http://davmn.org">davmn.org</a> St Paul 651-487-2002		X	X				X	X
Epilepsy Foundation of MN <a href="http://epilepsyfoundationmn.org/donate-used-goods">epilepsyfoundationmn.org/donate-used-goods</a> St Paul 651-287-2300	X	X	X			X	X	X
The Free Store at Central Lutheran <a href="http://centralmpls.org/community/freestore/">centralmpls.org/community/freestore/</a> Minneapolis 612-870-4416		X	X					
Furnish Office & Home <a href="http://furnishofficeandhome.org">furnishofficeandhome.org</a> Minneapolis 612-789-3322				X	X			X



# Organizations that accept one type of item

Some organizations specialize in accepting a particular type of item.

## Automobiles and vehicles



Autos For Arc  
[autosforarc.org](http://autosforarc.org)  
Metro area  
877-778-7709

Disabled Veterans (DAV)  
[dav.org/vehicle-donation/](http://dav.org/vehicle-donation/)  
National 833-227-4328

Goodwill Car Donations  
[goodwillcardonation.org/car-donation-minnesota/](http://goodwillcardonation.org/car-donation-minnesota/)  
Minnesota 800-433-3828

Make A Wish Minnesota  
[wish.org/minnesota/donate-your-vehicle](http://wish.org/minnesota/donate-your-vehicle)  
St Paul 866-480-9474

Minnesota Public Radio  
[mpr.org/support/donate-vehicle](http://mpr.org/support/donate-vehicle)  
St Paul 877-215-0227

National Kidney Foundation  
[kidneycars.org](http://kidneycars.org)  
National 800-488-2277

Newgate Education Center  
[newgateschool.org](http://newgateschool.org)  
Minneapolis 612-378-0177

Salvation Army  
[satruck.org/vehicle/create](http://satruck.org/vehicle/create)  
National 800-728-7825

Sharing and Caring Hands  
[sharingandcaringhands.org](http://sharingandcaringhands.org)  
Minneapolis 612-338-4640

Society of St Vincent DePaul  
<https://svdpusa.careasy.org/>  
National 800-322-8284

Vehicles for Veterans  
[vehiclesforveterans.org](http://vehiclesforveterans.org)  
St. Louis Park 855-811-4838

## Bikes



Full Cycle  
[fullcyclebikeshop.org](http://fullcyclebikeshop.org)  
Minneapolis 612-824-7581

Free Bikes 4 Kidz  
[fb4kmn.org](http://fb4kmn.org)  
Brooklyn Center 612-567-3245

## Books



Books for Africa  
[booksforafrica.org](http://booksforafrica.org)  
St. Paul 651-602-9844

Friends of the Hennepin County Libraries  
[supportthclib.org](http://supportthclib.org)  
County-wide 612-543-8100

Women's Prison Book Project  
[wpbp.org](http://wpbp.org)  
Minneapolis

## Building supplies and furniture



Better Futures  
Minnesota  
ReUse Warehouse  
[betterfuturesminnesota.com/reuse-warehouse/](http://betterfuturesminnesota.com/reuse-warehouse/)  
Minneapolis 612-351-8657

Leonardo's Basement  
[leonardosbasement.org](http://leonardosbasement.org)  
Minneapolis 612-824-4394

TC Habitat for Humanity's ReStore  
[restore.tchabitat.org](http://restore.tchabitat.org)  
New Brighton  
612-588-3820  
Minneapolis  
612-588-3820

## Business Attire



Ready for Success  
[readyforsuccessmn.org](http://readyforsuccessmn.org)  
Minneapolis 612-872-1509

## Electronics

Free Geek Twin Cities  
[freegeektwincities.org](http://freegeektwincities.org)  
Minneapolis 612-223-5967

## Eyeglasses



Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program  
[mnlrc.org](http://mnlrc.org)  
Minnesota 320-253-1371  
Drop-off in Lions-sponsored collection boxes.

OneSight—Give the Gift of Sight  
[onesight.org/faqs](http://onesight.org/faqs)  
National 888-935-4589  
Drop off at LensCrafters, Pearle Vision,  
Sears Optical or Target Optical

## Hearing aids



Hearing Aid Project  
[hearingaiddonations.org](http://hearingaiddonations.org)  
National 816-895-2410

Help America Hear  
[helpamericahear.org](http://helpamericahear.org)  
National 888-580-8886

## Medical equipment



Courage Kenny  
Used Equipment  
[allinahealth.org/CKFoundation](http://allinahealth.org/CKFoundation)  
Minneapolis  
612-775-2589

DAV Minnesota  
[davn.org/medical-goods](http://davn.org/medical-goods)  
St. Paul 651-291-1212  
Note 4/1/2021: Suspended due to COVID-19.  
Check website for updates.

# Tips

## Check with organizations before donating

- Each organization has a specific list of items they will accept. Check their website or call before bringing your items.
- Check what days and hours they are open to take donations. Never leave items outside organizations after hours.
- Some organizations offer pick-up services. Check for availability and fees.

## Donate items in good condition

- Items should be safe to use.
- No recalled items, cracked helmets, etc. Check safety issues listed by the Consumers' Product Safety Commission, [cpsc.gov](http://cpsc.gov)
- Clothing should be washed or dry-cleaned.
- Furniture should be structurally sound and have no stains or tears.
- Electrical items should work.
- Electrical cords should have no exposed wiring.

## Seasonal items

- Donate them during the appropriate season.
- Donate snowsuits in the fall, golf clubs in the spring, for example.

## Good to know

- Determine Fair Market Value for your donated goods at the IRS publication 561: [irs.gov/uac/About-Publication-561](http://irs.gov/uac/About-Publication-561)

## Choose to reuse it



Get info for everyday living on the Choose to Reuse website.

[hennepin.us/choosetoreuse](http://hennepin.us/choosetoreuse)

# Tips

## Do not donate household hazardous waste

Household hazardous waste includes cleaners, paint, fluorescent light bulbs.

Check the Green Disposal Guide for proper disposal options:  
[hennepin.us/greendisposalguide](http://hennepin.us/greendisposalguide)

It is very expensive for non-profits to properly discard of unusable or hazardous items, so please be careful about what you donate.



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