

Donation Guide

Cell Phones	<p>Companies that recycle ALL phones at their retail locations: AT&T (PDA's & acc also) Motorola Sprint T-Mobile Verizon</p>	<p>Best Buy stores collect all phones, inkjet cartridges, and rechargeable batteries.</p>	<p>Several schools collect phones to recycle and use the proceeds for programs, books, field trips...</p>	<p>Cell phones for soldiers will take your phone, recycle, and donate earned money into calling cards for troops overseas www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com</p>
	<p>Call2Recycle recycles cell phones and rechargeable batteries. Visit www.rbrc.org/start.php for a location near you</p>	<p>Several places will buy your phone: www.gazelle.com www.ripmobile.com www.cellforcash.com www.ibuyphones.com</p>	<p>Domestic Violence shelters: Home Free uses proceeds from recycled phones www.homefreeprograms.org The Lewis House gives the phones to women in danger allowing them to call 911 www.communityactioncouncil.org go to bottom left corner "put your old cell phones to good use"</p>	

Before donating your phone learn how to erase the data by visiting www.recellular.com ("support," "data eraser")
Because cell phone circuit boards contain a number of toxins, including arsenic, antimony, beryllium, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, and zinc they should never be thrown away, they must be recycled.

Computers	<p>Tech Soup created a database to search for local nonprofit and school-based recyclers www.techsoup.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "find services" tab • "donate hardware" near bottom 	<p>The EPA database of local recyclers, including corporations www.epa.gov/epawaste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "electronics recycling" at top • "where can I donate..." 	<p>World Computer Exchange donates computers all over the world www.worldcomputerexchange.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "donate computers" on left • Find the highlighted "chapter" in text
	<p>The National Cristina Foundation provides used computers to various training and educational programs www.cristina.org</p>	<p>Computers with Causes has partnered with several charitable organizations they donate to www.computerswithcauses.org</p>	<p>PCs for People, a local organization, takes donated computers from various sources in order to rebuild, refurbish and redistribute them www.pcsforpeople.com</p>

Visit www.techsoup.org before donating your computer ("learning center," "hardware," "10 tips to donate your ...")
Among other things, computers (and peripherals) contain mercury, cadmium and lead-all of which are known toxins and should never be thrown away, they must be recycled.

Cars (boats & RVs)	<p>The National Kidney Foundation accepts cars, trucks and boats. They provide free towing www.kidney.org</p>	<p>The MN Valley Humane Society in Burnsville accepts cars, vans, pickups, SUV's, motorcycles, boats, motorhomes, and trailers. Email Lynae@MVHSpets.org with specifics www.mvhspets.org</p>	<p>Habitat For Humanity accepts cars, trucks, boats, RV's and other vehicles. To donate a vehicle to Twin Cities Habitat, call 877-277-4344 or donate online at www.carsforhomes.org</p>
	<p>Twin Cities Public Television accepts cars, vans and trucks. To donate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online form www.tpt.org, or • call us at 651-229-1530, or • e-mail us atcars@tpt.org. 	<p>Disabled American Veterans accepts all vehicles, boats, RVs and motorcycles. Call anytime to arrange for free pickup 866- 920-7149. www.davmn.org</p>	<p>Heritage for the Blind accepts vehicles, boats and RVs. They provide free towing. Call 1-800- DONATE-CARS or fill out the online form www.hftb.org</p>

Eye Glasses	<p>Lions Clubs International collects and recycles eyeglasses providing corrected vision to thousands worldwide. Visit my website to see or download an extensive list of local sites www.naturalorganizing.com</p>	<p>New Eyes for the Needy sends eyeglasses and sunglasses in good condition to medical missions and international charitable organizations for distribution to the poor in developing nations. For shipping info visit www.neweyesforheneedy.org</p>
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Household Goods	<p>The Bridge for Youth helps youths get off the street and into safe shelter, reunite with families and build skills for a better life www.bridgeforyouth.org 612 230-6657</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture • Household goods <p>Drop-off location: Minneapolis</p>	<p>Bridging, Inc provides quality furniture and household goods to the economically disadvantaged www.bridging.org (952)888-1105</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture • Household goods • Mattresses <p>Drop-off locations: Roseville and Bloomington Pick-up available (for a fee): Twin Cities metro area</p>
	<p>Goodwill Industries Helping people build self-confidence and gain personal and financial independence through work www.goodwill.org (301) 530 6500</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books • Clothing • Furniture • electronics (no computers) • Housewares • toys <p>Drop-off locations: Throughout the Twin Cities area Pick-up available(call ahead): Throughout the Twin Cities area</p>	<p>Salvation Army Provides a wide range of programs to help individuals and families overcome daunting obstacles www.thesalvationarmy.org (651)746-3400</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cars • Clothing • Books • Furniture • housewares <p>Drop-off locations: Throughout the Twin Cities area Pick-up available(call ahead): 1-800-SA-TRUCK</p>
	<p>Disabled Veterans of MN Building better lives for all of our nation's disabled veterans and their families www.davmn.org (651)291-1212</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cars (sold for profit) • clothing • household goods <p>Drop-off location: St. Paul Pick-up available (call ahead): 651-487-2002</p>	<p>Simpson Housing Services' mission is to house, support and advocate for people experiencing homelessness www.simpsonhousing.org 612-874-8683</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furniture • Household goods <p>Drop-off location: Minneapolis</p>
	<p>Stone Soup helps to educate and prepare individuals for the world of work, eventual self-sufficiency, and secure employment www.stonesoupthriftshop.org (651) 458-9786</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing • Electronics • Furniture • Household goods <p>Drop-off location: St. Paul Park Pick-up available to limited area, call to schedule</p>	<p>The Vietnam Veterans of America serves the needs of veterans of the Vietnam War era by reselling donated items www.vva.org 1-800-VVA-1316</p>	<p>Types of goods accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing • Furniture • Housewares • Mattresses • Almost anything! <p>Go online or call to schedule free pick-up</p>
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Tax law now requires that all household items given to a charity must be in good or better condition. Charities spend valuable dollars disposing of unusable goods.

Office Equipment	The following all accept used office furniture, contact for specifics:		
	<p>Companies to Classrooms www.companiestoclassrooms.org</p> <p>PPL Shop www.pplshop.org</p> <p>St. Paul Public Schools http://hr.spps.org</p>	<p>952-888-7708</p> <p>612-789-3322</p> <p>651-793-5590</p>	<p>Bloomington</p> <p>Minneapolis NE</p> <p>St. Paul</p>
Shoes	<p>The REI Bloomington and Maple Grove stores are collecting all shoes (incl. ice skates) to be shredded and turned into a product that is used to clean up oil and chemical spills</p>	<p>Soles4Souls takes shoes in all conditions and donates them around the world. Visit their website to find one of many collection sites in the area www.soles4souls.org</p>	<p>The Nike Corporation has come up with a way to shred your old athletic shoes and turn them into recreational surfaces. Visit their website to download a shipping label www.nikereuseashoe.com</p>