

Rehome • Recycle • Remove

Sustainable Solutions For Your No Longer Needed Items



KEEP WHAT MATTERS . RELEASE THE REST
• UNVEIL YOUR STORY •



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LET IT GO

When it comes to organizing and decluttering, one of the most empowering steps you can take is pre-planning where your no-longer-needed items will go.

Knowing your (or a loved one's) belongings are headed to places where they will be valued, repurposed, or disposed of responsibly can make the letting-go process much easier.

To give you a head start in your planning, I've compiled the following, diverse list of donation and disposal options, including specialty organizations for items such as sports equipment and craft supplies. I regularly add to the list as I discover new places that accept donations, so if you know of an organization not included here—especially one that accepts unique items—please send their name and contact information my way. I'd love to include them in the next update!

While this list focuses on donations, some items may be better suited for sale if they are of high quality and value. Vintage or modern items in good to excellent condition, including furniture and children's items may be salable. Facebook Marketplace is a commonly used online platform for selling, as is Kijiji. Be cautious when using these! Watch out for scams or emotional manipulation from those hoping to get items for free. For *potentially* high-value items, try using Google Lens to get a quick sense of potential worth. You might also consider contacting antique dealers or businesses specializing in your items. Often items we believe to have significant monetary value, do not. However, there are some gems, so I recommend taking the time to check if you believe you have items of value.

If you have many items and are contemplating a garage sale, think about whether you have the time, resources, and energy to commit. Garage sales require a lot of effort often for a small return. If you choose to host one, be sure to plan how you will handle unsold items after the sale.

If you have any questions about donations and disposal, OR organizing in general, please feel free to reach out anytime -

I'm here to help!

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ANTIQUES & ARTIFACTS

Glenbow Museum: Information on donating to the the Glenbow is available through this link: <https://www.glenbow.org/art-objects/donating-art/>

Heritage Park: Heritage Park has placed a temporary moratorium on accepting artifacts for donation, until June 2025. Limited exceptions will be made for items of significant historical importance. Find more information: here: <https://www.heritagepark.ca/donate/artifacts>

Lougheed House: only accepts very specific historical items, a list of which is available on their website, where you can also find the artifact donation form to inquire about individual items: <https://www.lougheedhouse.com/donate>

BEDDING, TOWELS & PET SUPPLIES

Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society (AARCS): As well as the items listed above, AARCS partners with Skip the Depot to recycle a wide variety of items, a list of which can be found on their website: <https://aarcs.ca/supplies/>

Alberta SPCA: <https://www.albertaspca.org/ways-to-help/supplies/>

Calgary Humane Society: <https://www.calgaryhumane.ca/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

BOOKS

Books Between Friends: <http://www.booksbetweenfriends.com/>

Little Red Reading House Book Bank: New and gently used children's books: <https://www.littleredreading.house/book-bank/>

Peak Books: Books (including textbooks 2010 & newer), Puzzles, Board Games, Video Games & Consoles, DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs, Records, Sheet Music, Comics: <https://www.peakbooks.co/>

BUILDING & CONTRUCTION MATERIALS

Habitat Restore: <https://www.habitatsouthernab.ca/restore/donation-guidelines>

CHILD & INFANT ITEMS

Children's Cottage Society:

<https://childrenscottage.ab.ca/how-you-can-help/wish-list/>

Made By Momma: <https://madebymomma.org/donations-needed/>

CLOTHING, BOOKS & VARIOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The items each of these organizations accept vary greatly. I recommend checking websites for each organization to confirm what they will accept as this changes based on season and need.

Calgary Drop-in Centre Free Goods Program: *Accepts furniture*:

<https://calgarydropin.ca/donatefreegoods/>

Diabetes Canada: Offers free pick-up option: <https://declutterfordiabetes.ca/pickup>

Fear is Not Love (Calgary Women's Emergency Centre):

<https://www.calgarywomensshelter.com/index.php/give/provide-the-essentials>

Goodwill: <https://www.goodwill.ab.ca/donate/>

MEOW Foundation Thrift Store: <https://meowfoundation.com/meow-charity-thrift-shop/>

Unison (Kerby): Clothing, ipads/tablets, knitting supplies: <https://unisonalberta.com/donate>

Women in Need Society (WINS): *Accepts furniture at specific locations:

<https://www.winsyyc.ca/donation-information>

CLOTHING ONLY

The Costume Collective: Estate, Vintage, Unique Clothing - appointment only:

email info@thecostumecollective.com or fill in the online form at:

<https://www.thecostumecollective.com/contact-us>

Dress for Success Calgary: Professional clothing, shoes, and accessories for men and women:

<https://calgary.dressforsuccess.org/get-involved/donate/>

Good Neighbor Calgary: Adult clothing, shoes, accessories, reusable bags, backpacks, bags and toiletries: <https://www.goodneighbourcalgary.com/donate>

Project Warmth: Warm clothing, sleeping bags and blankets: <https://www.projectwarmth.ca/>

SE Calgary Community Resource Centre: Clothing (child & adult) and small household items:

<https://www.secalgarycrc.ca/giving-back/>

FURNITURE

Inter-Faith Furniture: <https://interfaithfurniture.ca/we-accept/>

SEWING, FIBRES & ART/CRAFT SUPPLIES

Alcove Centre for the Arts: Gently used art supplies, fibre art supplies, lego, board games, puzzles: <https://www.alcoveartscentre.ca/contact/donate>

Project Linus: Fabric, Notion, Yarn, Needles or completed blankets:
<https://projectlinuscanada.org/volunteer.html>

Silvera Little Fibre Library: Yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, patterns/books & more:
<https://www.silvera.ca/fibrelibrary/>

Threads That Thrive: Gently used clothing, fabric, thread, even scrap fabric and ends:
<https://threadsthatthrive.ca/about/>

Truck Contemporary Art (in support of F.E.U.L.): <https://truckcontemporaryart.com/fuel>

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Calgary Flames Sports Bank: <https://www.flamessportsbank.ca/how-to-donate-equipment>

Two Wheel View (Bicycles Only): <https://www.twowheelview.org/>

UNFINISHED FIBRE & CRAFT PROJECTS

Loose Ends – This incredible voluntary organization aims to ease grief, create community, and inspire generosity by matching volunteer handwork finishers with projects people have left undone due to death or disability.

You can submit a project that needs completing, OR you can volunteer to be a finisher – anywhere in the world! <https://looseends.org/>

*Instead of thinking I am losing something when I clear clutter,
I dwell on what I might gain. - Lisa J. Shultz*



BATTERIES

Locations & Information: <https://www.call2recycle.ca/recycleyourbatteries/>

CELL PHONES

London Drugs – Phones, Tablets, Small Appliances, Lightbulbs, Batteries, Phone & Tablet Cases & Electronics: <https://www.londondrugs.com/believe-in-better/london-green/recycling.html#electronics-recycling>

Wilder Centre/Calgary Zoo (Gorillas on the Line in partnership with London Drugs):
<https://www.calgaryzoo.com/gorillas-on-the-line/>

CITY OF CALGARY RECYCLING SERVICES

Blue Carts: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/what-can-go-in-blue-cart.html>

Green Carts: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/what-can-go-in-green-cart.html>

Clothing & Textiles: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/what-goes-where/clothing-and-shoes.html>

Electronics: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/what-goes-where/electronics.html>

Metal: The City of Calgary does not have metal recycling. If you have a significant amount of metal for recycling, check Google listings to find a metal recycler that meets your needs.

Printer Cartridges: *Staples also accepts writing tools, and some batteries and electronics*
<https://www.staples.ca/a/content/sustainability>

Tires: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/tire-recycling.html>

LIGHTBULBS

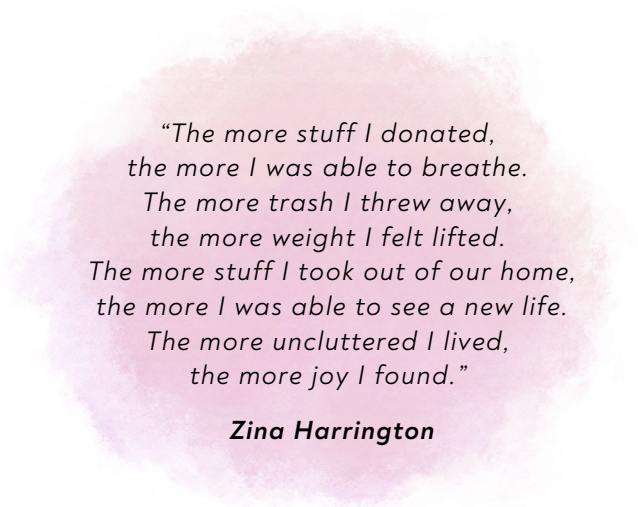
IKEA - Light Bulb & Battery Recycling:

<https://www.ikea.com/ca/en/customer-service/services/in-store-services-pube3e20ee1>

MAKE-UP CONTAINERS

Winners (PACT Collective): [https://www.pactcollective.org/winnersxpact?](https://www.pactcollective.org/winnersxpact?fbclid=IwY2xjawFzhOJleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHeAPM68KEyiWYsaSAIXARQtEpmfkaLCzcEuHbNimvLDZKk0VFi8Jhp0s9RQ_aem_OXEg4fqj3A3o8e3Rp5Dfiw)

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*"The more stuff I donated,
the more I was able to breathe.
The more trash I threw away,
the more weight I felt lifted.
The more stuff I took out of our home,
the more I was able to see a new life.
The more uncluttered I lived,
the more joy I found."*

Zina Harrington

RECYCLING BEST PRACTICES

*Recyclables need to be **empty, clean, and dry** so they can be sorted properly at the recycling facility, prevent other recyclables from getting wet and dirty, and ensure that manufacturers are able to turn the recycled materials into new products.*

Quick Tips:

- Bundle your stretchy bags and plastic wrap
- Bag your shredded paper
- Keep the rest of your recyclables loose.

For more specific tips on how to prepare your recyclables, go to:

<https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/using-your-blue-cart.html>



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Black Carts

Acceptable: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/what-can-go-in-black-cart.html>

Unacceptable: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/what-cannot-go-in-black-cart.html>

Landfills & Eco Centres

Hours & Locations: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/landfill-locations-and-hours.html>

Materials & Rates: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/landfill-rates.html>

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS/PROPANE & OTHER TANKS

City of Calgary Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off -

<https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/household-hazardous-waste-accepted-materials.html>

SAFE DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/firearms>

SAFE DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS GOODS (Packaging & Labelling)

<https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/household-hazardous-waste-safe-storage.html>

SAFE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/safe-disposal-prescription-drugs.html>

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