

Resources for Charitable Donations



It feels great to find new homes for our old stuff – creating space and helping others in the process. During these tough financial times, charitable organizations need our help more than ever.

There are so many organizations that accept donations, these lists offer a place to start. Contact local civic, educational, religious, and social service organizations for more options.

Call or go online to find out what each organization needs at present, about “pick up” or drop off, and for information about receipts.

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GENERAL RESOURCES

<u>www.thebostonchannel.com</u> Scroll down to “Spotlights,” then “Commonwealth 5,” then “how to donate.”	An interactive initiative that connects volunteers and donors with local non-profits
<u>www.freecycle.org</u> If you’d like, you can request that only “non-profits” respond.	A grass-roots, non-profit movement of people giving and getting free stuff in their own towns, supporting re-use and keeping good stuff out of landfills.
Town/City Hall or DPW (Department of Public Works), contact yours to find out about recycling/donating opportunities.	<u>www.2Good2Waste.org</u> - Website with a local focus that helps people sell or give away used or surplus items that might otherwise end up in landfills. Newton: <u>www.2Good@Waste.org/Newton</u>
<u>www.Earth911.com</u>	Website that provides a comprehensive list of recycling resources by zip code.

RESOURCES FOR DONATING BOOKS

Many places take DVD's, CD's, and videos games, too.

Your Town/City Hall or DPW	Ask about book recycling, donating, swapping opportunities	
Library in your town, ask about book recycling, donating, fundraising sales	Newton: Auburndale branch has four yearly book sales, proceeds support the Newton libraries	617-796-1386
Schools, Churches, Temples, YMCA's, Senior Centers, Rehab Centers, Shelters, Hospitals, etc.	Check out a favorite school, hospital, agency, or non-profit program in your area.	
Salvation Army	Drop-off locations, and some pickup	1-800-728-7825, www.satruck.org, www.salvationarmyMA.org
Big Hearted Books and Clothing, Inc. (in 2014 they bought GotBooks, Inc.)	Free pick-up (min. 8 boxes of books), and many drop-off locations. Also take CD's, DVD's, video games. A for-profit group with a social mission.	781-784-0813 www.bigheartedbooks.com, info@bigheartedbooks.com
More Than Words Bookstore and Café , 376 Moody St. Waltham	Second-hand store offers business training to at-risk youth. Also takes CD's, DVD's, video games. Online shopping option. Many book donation container locations for drop-off.	781-788-0035 www.mtwyouth.org Pickup – 10 box minimum, \$10 donation suggested.
Prison Book Program locally: United First Parish Church, Quincy	Sends books to prisons all over the country.	617-423-3298 www.prisonbookprogram.org
Earth911.com	Website that lists locations for recycling in your area. Enter your zip code and <i>books</i> .	www.earth911.com
Books for Soldiers	Donations include books, DVD's, games and other needed supplies.	www.booksforsoldiers.com
Big Brother Big Sister Foundation		1-800-483-5503 www.bbbsmb.org, will pick up

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Goodwill Industries	Books, records, tapes, CD's, DVD's	www.goodwillmass.org, 617.445.1010
Discover Books (formerly Reading Tree, and Hands Across the Water)	Sells, donates, and recycles books locally and abroad. A for-profit group with a social mission.	www.discoverbooks.com
Bridge to Asia	Good place for text books, encyclopedias, academic journals/magazines. Sent to universities in Asia.	www.bridge.org
Boomerangs , 4 locations: West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Cambridge and Boston	Hard cover, CD's, DVD's, Paperback, Video Games – supports Aids Action Committee	www.shopboomerangs.org
Savers , 1230 VFW Pkwy, W. Roxbury	Hard cover, CD's Cassette Tapes, DVD, paperback, video games. Locally supports The Epilepsy and MS Foundations	617 323 8231 www.savers.com

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

At present, organizations with a "P" do some "picking-up."

American Family Thrift	Supports: Coalition for Battered Women	617 232-9694 Call: takes most things	P
Big Brother/Big Sister	Quincy	800-483-5503, www.bbbsmb.org	P
Boomerangs , 4 locations: West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Cambridge & Boston	Proceeds to AIDS Action Committee	www.shopboomerangs.org Pick-up: furniture/large loads	P
Buddy Dog Humane Society	151 Boston Post Rd, Sudbury – takes bedding, towels, pet items	www.buddydoghs.org 978-443-6990	
Call To Protect	Provides cell phones to those at risk, for emergencies	888-901-7233 www.donateaphone.com	
Charitable Heart	181 Worcester Rd, Natick American Heart Association	508-655-2460 Call: many items, local pick-up	P

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Cradles to Crayons	155 N. Beacon St. Brighton, MA 02135	www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston 617-779-4700, toys and clothing	
Dress for Success	989 Commonwealth Ave, Boston	617-779-2177 Dressforsuccess.org	
Global Thrift	322 Moody St. Waltham Supports: Child Quest Intl.	781-891-5577 www.global-thrift.adminpilot.net Call: takes most things	
Goodwill Industries	Will take ripped, stained textiles for recycling. Also personal computers and anything that plugs into them, through the Dell Reconnect Program.	www.goodwillmass.org 617-445-1010 Many drop-off locations, also you can drop off clothing for Goodwill at Zoots Dry Cleaning stores	
Household Goods Recycling Ministry	Acton	978-635-1763 www.hgrm.org	P
Lion's Clubs - Eyeglasses	Many drop-off locations	www.donateglasses.net	
MA Coalition for the Homeless	Boston	781-595-7570 www.mahomeless.org	P
MA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	350 Huntington Ave. Boston – bedding, towels, pet items	617-522-7400 www.mspca.org	
Newton Senior Centre	345 Walnut St. Newton	617-796-1660	
Newton Wellesley Hospital Thrift Shop	Clothing, jewelry, books and more.	617-243-6059	
Planet Aid	Clothing and shoes, will take ripped and torn items for recycling, repurposing, donating. Yellow bins around town.	Planetaid.org/find-a-bin 508.893.0644, local warehouse 888.893.0648 – bulk pickup	P
Rosie's Place	889 Harrison Ave, Boston	617-442-9322 www.rosies.org	
Salvation Army	Many locations, Saugus local: 781 231 0803	800-958-7825 www.use.salvationarmy.org	P
Savers	1230 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury – supports Epilepsy & MS foundations.	617-323-8231 www.savers.com Call: takes most things	

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Solutions at Work	Cambridge - focus on homelessness, professional attire for job search, also children's clothing, books, toys, computers, etc.	617 492-0300 www.solutionsatwork.org	P
St. Vincent de Paul	Many locations	800-675-2882 www.svdpusa.org	P
Tailored for Success	Malden	www.tailoredforsuccess.org	
Tech Recycling	Dell Reconnect Best Buy, Staples	www.dellreconnect.com	
Thrift Shop of Boston, Roslindale	17 Corinth St. supports Home for Little Wanderers	617 325-5300 www.home.org	P
Urban Renewal	122 Brighton Ave. Allston, Supports: Vietnam Vets	617-783-8387 Takes most things.	
Vietnam Veterans	National and Local	800-775-8387 www.clothingdonations.org	P