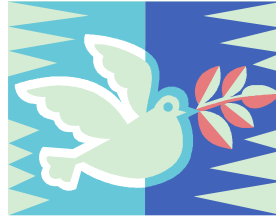


Resources for Charitable Donations



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, this list offers a place to start. Contact local civic, educational, religious, and social service organizations for more options.

It's a good idea to call or go online to find out what each organization needs at present (as this often changes), and to ask about "pick up"/drop off, and receipts.

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GENERAL RESOURCES

www.freecycle.org If you'd like, you can request that only "non-profits" respond.	A grassroots, 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), or local Resource Recovery Center	Contact yours to find out about recycling/donating opportunities.
www.Earth911.com	Website that provides a comprehensive list of recycling resources by zip code.
Nextdoor	And other social networking services for neighborhoods.

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RESOURCES FOR DONATING BOOKS

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

Your Town/City Hall, DPW, and Library	Ask about book recycling, donating, swapping opportunities	
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
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 – 7 box minimum, now includes clothing
Prison Book Program locally: United First Parish Church, Quincy	Sends books to prisons all over the country, drop-off location in Quincy	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
Operation Paperback, and Books for Soldiers	Donations include books, DVD's, games and other needed supplies.	www.booksforsoldiers.com, www.operationpaperback.org
Goodwill Industries	Books, records, tapes, CD's, DVD's	www.goodwillmass.org, local: 617.445.1010
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 (also Norwood, Framingham, and other locations)	All books, CD's Cassette Tapes, DVD, paperback, video games. Locally supports The Epilepsy and MS Foundations and local shelters/charities	617 323 9213 (West Roxbury) www.savers.com

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CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

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

Big Brother/Big Sister	See list on website for items they take.	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	
Secure The Call, Cell Phones for Soldiers, Nat'l Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Medic Mobile	Provides cell phones to those at risk, healthcare workers, soldiers, et al	ncadv.org/donate-a-phone securethecall.org/send-us-phones cellphonesforsoldiers.com medicmobile.org/phone-donations	
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	781-891-5577 Call: takes most things	
Goodwill Industries	Takes most things. Will also take ripped, stained textiles for recycling.	www.goodwillmass.org 617-445-1010 Many drop-off locations	
Household Goods	Acton, MA furniture and household items provided for new homes for the homeless	978-635-1710 www.householdgoods.org	P
Eyeglasses	Lion's Club local drop-off locations	Also Vision Aid Overseas, and some eye doctors' offices and optical shops	
MA Coalition for the Homeless	Boston	781-595-7570 www.mahomeless.org	P

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MA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	350 Huntington Ave. Boston – bedding, towels, pet items	617-522-7400 www.mspca.org	
More Than Words Bookstore and Café	Now taking clothing and shoes. Second-hand store offers business training to at-risk youth. Also takes CD's, DVD's, video games. Online shopping option.	781-788-0035 www.mtwyouth.org 376 Moody St., Waltham Pickup – 7 box minimum (of books and clothing)	P
Needham Community Council Thrift Shop	570 Hillside Ave. Needham, MA	781-444-2415 office@needhamcommunitycouncil.org	
Newton Senior Center	345 Walnut St. Newton eyeglasses collection, and thrift shop (cards, yarn, jewelry, small housewares and knick-knacks)	617-796-1660	
Newton Wellesley Hospital Thrift Shop	Clothing, jewelry, books, art, and more.	617-243-6059 Allen Ridley Bldg., T/W/Th, 10 – 3, but call to confirm current days and times	
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 call to find out what they need now	617-442-9322 www.rosiesplace.org	
Salvation Army	Many locations, Saugus local: 781 231 0803	800-958-7825 www.salvationarmyusa.org	P
Savers, W. Roxbury (also Norwood, Framingham, and other locations)	1230 VFW Pkwy, West Roxbury – supports Epilepsy & MS foundations, and local charities and shelters	617-323-9213 www.savers.com Easy drop-off, takes most things, check the website or call for info about accepted goods	
Sister Thrift	Supports a local non-kill cat shelter	370 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 617-923-1168 and 1251 Worcester Rd (Rte. 9) Framingham 508-872-0649	

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Solutions at Work	Cambridge - focus on homelessness, professional attire for job search, also children's clothing, books, toys, computers, etc.	617-576-0039 www.solutionsatwork.org	P
St. Vincent de Paul	Many locations	800-675-2882 www.svdpusa.org	P
Tailored for Success	Malden, provides clothing for those reentering the job market, and at risk teens	www.tailoredforsuccess.org 781.324.0499	
Tech Recycling	Dell Reconnect Best Buy, Staples	www.dellreconnect.com Google: Staples Recycling, and Best Buy Recycling	
Thrift Shop of Boston, Roslindale	33 Corinth St. Roslindale Supports The Home for Little Wanderers	617 325-5300 www.thriftshopofboston.org	P
Urban Renewal	122 Brighton Ave. Allston, Supports: Vietnam Vets	www.familythrift.com/boston-ma 617-783-8387 Takes most things.	P
Vietnam Veterans	National and Local	888-518-8387 www.clothingdonations.org	P