

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.

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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
AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) ablelight.org/thrift-stores/minnetonka/ Minnetonka 952-939-0988	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Arc's Value Village Thrift Store arcvaluevillage.org Bloomington 952-818-8708 New Hope 763-544-0006 Richfield 612-861-9550	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Assistance League Thrift Shop althriftshop.org Richfield 612-866-2135	X	X	X	X				
Bridging bridging.org Bloomington 952-888-1105			X	X				X
C.R.O.S.S. crossservices.org Rogers 763-425-1050	X	X	X				X	fee
Disabled American Vets donatedavmn.org St Paul 651-487-2002		X	X				X	X
Epilepsy Foundation of MN epilepsyfoundationmn.org/donate-used-goods St Paul 651-287-2300	X	X	X			X	X	X
The Free Store at Central Lutheran centralmpls.org/community/freestore/ Minneapolis 612-870-4416		X	X					
Furnish Office & Home furnishofficeandhome.org Minneapolis 612-789-3322				X	X			X fee

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
Metro area
877-778-7709

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

Goodwill Car Donations
goodwillcardonation.org/car-donation-minnesota/
Minnesota 800-433-3828

Make A Wish Minnesota
wish.org/minnesota/donate-your-vehicle
St Paul 866-480-9474

Minnesota Public Radio
mpr.org/support/donate-vehicle
St Paul 877-215-0227

National Kidney Foundation
kidneycars.org
National 800-488-2277

Newgate Education Center
newgateschool.org
Minneapolis 612-378-0177

Salvation Army
satruck.org/vehicle/create
National 800-728-7825

Sharing and Caring Hands
sharingandcaringhands.org
Minneapolis 612-338-4640

Society of St Vincent DePaul
svdpusa.careasy.org/
National 800-322-8284

Vehicles for Veterans
vehiclesforveterans.org
St. Louis Park 855-811-4838

Bikes



Full Cycle
fullcyclebikeshop.org
Minneapolis 612-824-7581

Free Bikes 4 Kidz
fb4kmn.org
Brooklyn Center 612-567-3245

Books



Books for Africa
booksforafrica.org
St. Paul 651-602-9844

Book'em Used Book Sale
bcpamn.org/book-em-.html
Bloomington 952-220-2537

Friends of the Hennepin County Libraries
supporthclib.org
County-wide 612-543-8100

Women's Prison Book Project
wbp.org
Minneapolis

Building supplies and furniture



Better Futures
Minnesota
ReUse Warehouse
betterfuturesminnesota.com/reuse-warehouse/
Minneapolis 612-351-8657

Leonardo's Basement

leonardosbasement.org

Minneapolis 612-824-4394

TC Habitat for Humanity's ReStore

restore.tchabitat.org

New Brighton

612-588-3820

Minneapolis

612-588-3820

Business Attire



Ready for Success

ppl-inc.org/readyforsuccess

Minneapolis 612-872-1509

Electronics



Free Geek Twin Cities

freegeektwincities.org

Minneapolis 612-223-5967

Eyeglasses



Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program

mnlrc.org

Minnesota 320-253-1371

Drop-off in Lions-sponsored collection boxes.

Hearing aids



Hearing Aid Project

hearingaiddonations.org

National 816-895-2410

Help America Hear

helpamericahear.org

National 888-580-8886

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](https://www.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](https://www.irs.gov/uac/About-Publication-561)

Choose to reuse it



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

hennepin.us/choose-to-reuse

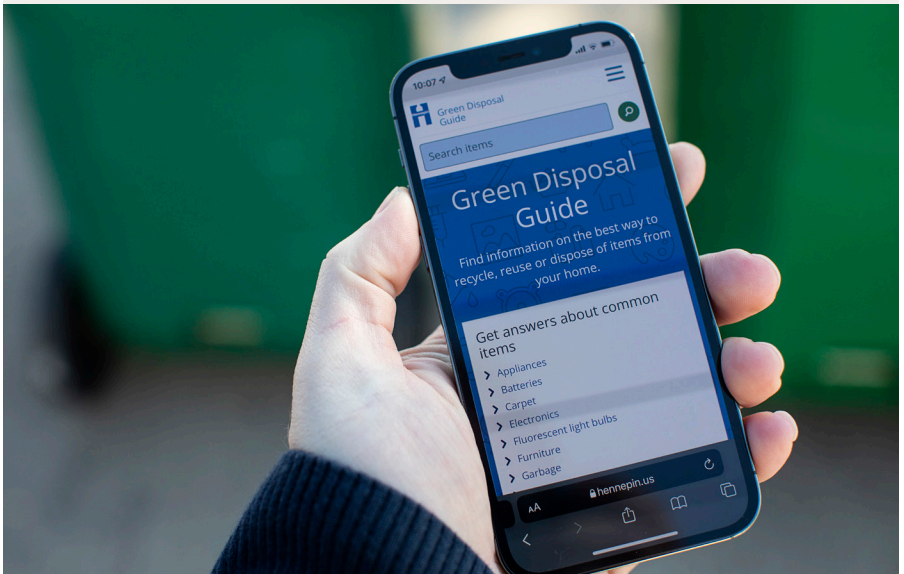
Tips

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/green-disposal-guide

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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