

Donating and selling reusable goods



Keep your durable goods out of the trash! Whether you're moving, redecorating, or just have something you no longer love tucked away in a closet, donating and selling is a great way to give your items a second life.

Getting rid of your stuff

It may be helpful to designate a spot to put everything you'll sell or donate. Some people keep a box or a bag handy and, when it fills up, they take it to a reuse store. Options for getting rid of your useable goods include:

Drop off

Drop off your goods at local reuse retailers like Arc's Value Village, Goodwill, Salvation Army, or local thrift store. Make sure your items are clean and usable, and double check that the item is accepted by the store before you make the trip (especially for large items). Many stores offer a coupon or tax receipt for donating your items. Read our Choose to Reuse article on organizing your donations for more tips: hennepin.us/choose-to-reuse/tips/organize-your-donations

Sell

Get some money back for your goods by selling your stuff at consignment shops or holding a garage sale. Many cities and neighborhoods also host larger garage sales with multiple sellers. Thrifty Minnesota (thriftyminnesota.com) posts yearly lists of garage sales by city, or watch your usual neighborhood news sources.

Post online

List your items on sites like Craigslist, Facebook Buy Nothing or sale groups, Nextdoor, and Twin Cities Freecycle. Sites like these may be useful for getting rid of larger items that would be a hassle to move or things you don't need to get rid of immediately. You can work out a pickup arrangement with potential buyers or just let more people know about what you have for sale or for free.

Swap

Swap events, where you trade usable items you no longer want, have become increasingly popular for things like clothing, garden tools and equipment, and outdoor gear. Search online for clothing, tool, and gear swaps in your area, or check out a guide on how to host a swap of your own: doitgreen.org/wp-content/uploads/swap_guide_do_it_green.pdf

Choose to Reuse

Visit Hennepin County's Choose to Reuse website at hennepin.us/choosetoreuse to find retailers and services nearby to donate and sell your stuff. The website also includes articles on reuse topics and green event listings.