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Donations & Collections

HOTLINK

Have an item you'd like to donate to a nonprofit agency? The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's "Hotlink" may be just the resource you are looking for!

We send our weekly Hotlink email list of items available for donation to the 800+ agencies in our database. Interested organizations then contact you directly to arrange pick up. Good items usually go fast! As one recent donor noted, "Your newsletter is a great resource. Over the past three years, we have been able to donate bedroom furniture, folding tables and chairs, a rototiller, and now the computer! All went within a day or so of the newsletter's publication!"

We list donations of home and office furniture, equipment, medical equipment, and much more. All items must be in good condition or better. We do not include clothing, books, televisions (except flat-screen TVs), or food. (See the bottom of this page for lists of organizations that may accept these items.)

If you would like to list items for donation, please email the following information to volunteer@montgomerycountymd.gov:

- a brief description of the item
- the condition of the item (must be in good condition or better)
- the city where the donation will be picked up
- how you would like to be contacted (email and/or phone)

Information Regarding Tax Deductions: In order for donors to deduct the value of a charitable donation from their taxes, the organization receiving the donation must be considered a qualified organization by the IRS. Organizations are required to provide the donor with a receipt acknowledging the donation. The receipt should include the name and address of the organization, along with the date and a description of the item donated. This can be in the format of a letter on the organization's letterhead.

While the majority of organizations in our database are nonprofit or government organizations qualified to receive donations, some are not. There are some for-profit nursing homes registered with us, as well as some nonprofits such as sports clubs that may not be qualified to receive donations. If you have a question about the suitability of the organization, you can email us or check the IRS website's organization check.

More information about charitable donations can be found in IRS Publication 526: Charitable Contributions. This document also includes information about how to calculate the value of donated goods.

QUICK GUIDE TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE DONATED GOODS:

Books: Friends of the Library of Montgomery County has three locations where you can drop off books. Velocity of Books also accepts a wide variety of books, audiobooks, and magazines for people of all ages. Email Carolyn Thompson or call 301-674-3056 for more information.

Furniture and Household Items: These local nonprofits—as well as others listed in the chart below—accept furniture and other household goods:

- Habitat for Humanity's ReStore accepts furniture, appliances, building materials (and may be able to work with you when remodeling or demolishing a home to remove salvagable items).
- Family Services Inc., through its Upscale Resale thrift store, accepts furniture, electronics, artwork, and other household items as part of its aim to improve the lives of people living with serious mental illness. Pickup service available.
- A Wider Circle accepts furniture and household items to help furnish the homes of neighbors in need.

Medical Equipment: Donors have found new homes for their medical equipment through these resources:

- Medical Loan Closet of the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew generally accepts walkers, bedside commodes, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, motorized carts, disposable underwear, dressings, prescription formulas, knee immobilizers, enteral feeding, and stoma supplies/equipment. Contact Marilee Tollefson, 301-384-4394 or office@mystandrew.org
- DC Shares provides accepts manual wheelchairs, walkers, and other items, which the organization provides to DC residents with an income of less than \$20,000 annually.
- Some local fire stations accept crutches, wheelchairs, and related equipment for loan to area residents.

Clothing, Toiletries, Sports Equipment, and More: The following organizations accept donations of clothing and other items (as outlined here) in good condition:

Organization Name	Location / Phone	Types of Items Accepted
A Wider Circle	9159-C Brookville Road Silver Spring 301-608-3504	men and women's professional clothes (suits, dresses, blazers, dress pants, skirts), furniture, linens, household items, infant supplies, toiletries, non-perishable food
Abused Persons Program	1301 Piccard Drive Rockville 301-279-1640	adult and children's clothing
The Arc Montgomery County's Urban Thrift	10730 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895 301-933-5666	adult's and children's clothing and shoes, furniture, lamps, linens, household items, books, CDs, DVDs, DVD and CD players, sports equipment, toys, electronics, appliances and tools.
Auted, Inc.	Germantown, MD Phone: 800-442-1938 Phone: 301-793-9333	used automotive tools and equipment in good condition.
Baby's Bounty	15729 Crabbs Branch Way Rockville 240-813-8190	playpens, car seats (new), diaper bags, infant clothing, supplies, toys
Bethesda Cares	7728 Woodmont Avenue Bethesda 301-907-9244	food, clothing, computers
Carroll House Men's Shelter	9625 Dewitt Drive Silver Spring 301-587-7270	food, toiletries, household items, linens
Goodwill of Greater Washington	619 South Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg 301-527-0970	clothing, furniture, computers, linens, cars, boats, household items, books, DVD and VCR players and disks/cassettes, sports equipment, toys, electronics
Dorothy Day Place	251 N Stonestreet Avenue Rockville 301-762-8314	women's clothing
Dress for Success	101 Q Street NE	dry-cleaned contemporary women's suits,

	Washington, DC 202-269-4805	gently used shoes, blouses, accessories (by appointment only)
Ethiopian Community Development Council	8121 Georgia Ave., Suite 800 Silver Spring 301-562-7303	large furniture (couches, bed frames, mattresses)
Interfaith Clothing Center	751 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville (former Broome Middle School) 301-424-3796	clothing, shoes, small household items, toys, children's books, linens, school supplies, infant supplies, calculators, toiletries
International Rescue Committee	8719 Colesville Road, Floor 3 Silver Spring	new or gently used clothing for all ages, baby items, household goods, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, small furniture items
Leveling the Playing Field	9170 Brookville Road Silver Spring, MD 20910	used or new sports equipment
Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless	600-B East Gude Drive Rockville 301-217-0314	new men's clothing, household items, toiletries, cleaning products
Master Gardeners of Montgomery County	Derwood mgmont@umd.edu 301-590-9650	gardening tools and equipment in good condition (rakes, shovels, hoses, planters, 5 gallon buckets, etc.)
Montgomery County Women's Shelter	Rockville 301-984-7765	new or gently used clothing for women, shoes, jewelry, accessories, computers, TVs, DVD players
National Center for Children & Families/Greentree Shelter	6301 Greentree Road Bethesda 301-365-4480	household items, clothing, computers, furniture, automobiles, toiletries, cleaning supplies, school supplies, infant supplies, books (no textbooks, encyclopedias), sports equipment
Organization for Advancement and Service to Individuals with Special Needs	Galthersburg, MD 703-283-2102	farm equipment and supplies
Rainbow Place for Women	Rockville Presbyterian Church 215 W Montgomery Avenue Rockville 301-762-3363	sweat suits, pajamas, winter accessories, umbrellas, flip flops, toiletries, individual packs of pain relievers
Shepherd's Table	8210-A Colonial Lane Silver Spring 301-585-6463	safety razors, toiletries, gently used clothing, shoes, blankets, stamps, non-perishable food
Stepping Stones Shelter Rockville	Rockville 301-251-0567	clothing, household items
Suited for Change	1010 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 420 Washington, DC 202-293-0351	new or nearly new women's professional attire on hangers (suits, dresses, blazers, dress pants, skirts, jewelry, shoes, scarves, purses, briefcases)
Upscale Resale/Family Services Inc.	15130 Frederick Road Rockville, MD 20850 301-738-7723	Clothing and household items
Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program	1301 Piccard Drive Rockville 240-777-1355	cell phones and toiletries

Wells Robertson House	One Wells Avenue Gaithersburg 301-258-6390	household items, comforters, business attire, linens
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Clothing/Textiles, Electronics, Appliances, and Other Items for Recycling: Have items that organizations aren't interested in as donations? The county's Shady Grove Transfer Station accepts a variety of materials for recycling, including clean, dry clothing/textiles, old appliances, and electronics. [Click here for more information.](#)

Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station Public Unloading Facility 16101 Frederick Road, Rockville 240-777-6560	Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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If you have items that are too large for you to take to the transfer station, you may be eligible to request a scrap metal or bulk trash pickup. Call 311 for more information or to request a pickup.

Additional Avenues: Many donors have also had luck listing their items on Freecycle or Craigslist, or even selling phones and other small electronics through online trade-in programs operated by Amazon, Best Buy, and Gazelle.

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