

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

About 75 percent of what people currently throw into the trash is “too good to throw away” and could be reused for another purpose. Recycling is one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect the environment, and also benefits more than the environment. Charitable Recycling means items can be used for social good. Listed below are just a sampling of ways and places for reuse and recycling. Also, many churches, temples, and synagogues also accept donations of usable goods. Please contact the organizations if you need further information.

Multiple Categories of Items Accepted

Central Dallas Ministries

www.centraldallasministries.org

CDM partners with its neighbors to address the root causes of poverty. Working together, they feed the hungry, heal the sick, house the homeless, and renew hope in the heart of the city. Donated goods are used in programs or sold in their resale shop. To donate clothes, goods, furniture, and other items, please call the Donation Team at (214) 823-8710 ext 146, or drop off donations at their store at 1213 N. Washington, 75204. To learn about donating a vehicle, visit www.CDMcars.com.

Freecycle.org

The Freecycle Network™ is made up of 4,848 groups with 6,688,000 members across the globe. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. Membership is free.

Goodwill Industries

www.goodwill.org

Goodwill Industries has been putting people to work by training people for careers in fields such as financial services, computer programming, and health care. They provide employment, job training and career services to people with disabilities, welfare recipients, and others who are trying to enter the workforce for the first time or get a better job. Goodwill accepts new or gently used items — like clothing, appliances, electronics and furniture — and sells them in their well-known Goodwill retail stores. They will also take your unwanted electronics — any brand, any condition — just bring to a participating Goodwill store or donation drop-off site. Goodwill will refurbish or recycle the equipment, benefiting communities and putting people to work.

Shared Housing Center

402 N. Good Latimer Expressway

Dallas, Texas 75204

214.821.8510

info@sharedhousing.org • www.sharedhousing.org

The Shared Housing Center provides and facilitates affordable housing options and supportive services that foster independence, empowerment, and self-worth and to serve a multicultural, intergenerational population to critically at-risk populations. You may drop off clothes, linens, towels, dishes, pots, pans, cleaning products, or toiletries at their office.

The Family Place

11722 Marsh Lane, Suite 354,
Dallas, Texas 75229
214-358-0381 • www.familyplace.org

The Family Place is the largest family violence service provider in the Dallas area. They believe that intervention, emergency shelter, and crisis counseling for all victims—women, children and men—will save lives and that transitional housing and case management will transform lives for the better. Clients are provided with vouchers so they can get what they need at the Resale Shop so that they can start new lives free from violence. Money raised from sale of items to the general public help support their programs. Contact Resale Shop Manager Carla Ochs at 214-358-0381 to arrange for pick up of your tax-deductible donations.

Clothing**Athletic Shoes**

www.nikereuseashoe.com

Nike Grind works with a select group of industry-leading sports surfacing companies - companies committed to reducing waste and helping the environment through the incorporation of recycled materials in their products. You can see these surfaces at Jubilee Park – Kaboom playground or West Dallas Boys and Girls Club indoor basketball court. Shoes may be dropped off at the Nike Factory Store in the Allen Outlet Mall.

Attitudes & Attire™

214-630-1667 • www.attitudesandattire.org

This non-profit agency is dedicated to promoting personal growth for women seeking self-sufficiency. All of the women in the agency's program are overcoming adversity and barriers to finding a job. Many have completed some type of job training and are actively seeking employment to provide stability for their families. They accept new or nearly-new work-appropriate women's clothing and accessories, including jewelry, handbags, and pantyhose (must be new).

The Prom Shop Project

214.718.1605 • kim@promshopproject.com
www.promshopproject.com

Donate your gently used formal or party dresses to local girls whom otherwise would not be able to attend Prom. Volunteers collect, clean and provide formal dresses to students who can't afford to buy them for prom and other special occasions. Over 70% of the girls receiving dresses come from families that live on less than \$15,000.00 a year. Drop off your charitable items all year round at "Kennys Cleaners" (2610 Oaklawn Ave.). Special collection events periodically are held.

Cellphones

CALL to PROTECT®

www.wirelessfoundation.org/calltoprotect/

This is a national philanthropic program aimed at combating domestic violence. All donated phones are sent to ReCellular, Inc., where they are either refurbished and sold, or recycled. One hundred percent of the net proceeds generated by the sale of the refurbished phones are used to make grants to national organizations working to end family violence. All phones donated that are obsolete or damaged are recycled according to strict environmental standards. There are numerous sites around Dallas where phones can be donated. Check their website to find the closest location.

Building Supplies

Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity

2800 N. Hampton Road, Dallas

214.678.2360 • www.dallas-habitat.org

Habitat for Humanity accepts items ranging from tools and lumber to electrical appliances that can be used to build houses for disadvantaged families or sold in their store. Items can be dropped off at the Hampton Road address above or call for possible pickup.

Eyeglasses

Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs across the country collect used prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses that are distributed to those in need in developing countries where eye care is often unaffordable and inaccessible. Area locations of Lenscrafters and Pearl Vision as well as Goodwill Industries accept the donations on behalf of the Lions Clubs.

Furniture and Household Items

Dallas Furniture Bank

972.466.0600 • office@dallasfurniturebank.org

www.dallasfurniturebank.org

Dallas Furniture Bank provides furniture that meets basic living needs to families and individuals who are transitioning out of homelessness or to others who are in need. Some of the items they accept are: twin, full, and queen mattress sets, and frames; dressers; sofas; chairs; dining room and kitchen sets; cribs, baby beds, and playpens; coffee tables; lamps; decorative items; blankets, rugs, small appliances and electronics; and desks. Contact their office for pick up or drop off information.

Office/School Supplies/Books

Your neighborhood school is a good place for supplies. Contact the school's office to see if they need anything.

Public libraries welcome gifts of new or slightly worn materials (books, dvds and cds).

Electronics/Batteries/Printer Cartridges

Best Buy accepts most consumer electronics and accessories such as keyboards, mice, remotes, etc. Electronics include TVs, computers, DVD players, monitors, or cell phones. Computers must have their hard drives removed. They also have recycling kiosks for ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, cell phones, CDs, DVDs, PDAs/smart phones and gift cards.

Costco's Trade-In Program accepts electronic gadgets (such as laptops, cell phones, LCD monitors, digital cameras, MP3 players, gaming systems & more) for Costco Cash good for anything in Costco warehouses or at Costco.com.

Animals

Be animal-friendly. Donate old blankets, towels, leashes and pet toys to your local animal rescue organization.

SPCA of Texas

362 Riverfront Blvd. (S. Industrial Blvd.)
Dallas, TX 75207
214-742-SPCA (7722) • www.sPCA.org

The SPCA of Texas is the leading animal welfare agency in North Texas with two shelters and two spay/neuter clinics located in Dallas and McKinney, and serves as an active resource center providing an array of programs and services that bring people and animals together to enrich each others' lives. A comprehensive animal welfare agency, the SPCA of Texas is not affiliated with any other entity and does not receive general operating funds from the City of Dallas, State of Texas, federal government, or any other humane organization.

Operation Kindness

3201 Earhart Drive
Carrollton, TX 75006
972-418-PAWS • ok@operationkindness.org
www.operationkindness.org

Operation Kindness is the oldest and largest no-kill shelter in North Texas. They are a nonprofit animal welfare organization that cares for homeless or unwanted cats and dogs in a no-kill environment.

Both these organizations can use similar items, including: kitty litter, paper towels, canned, wet dog food, dog and cat toys, dog and cat beds, blankets, laundry detergent, Shop Vacs, stainless steel food and water bowls, veterinary supplies, office supplies, and grooming supplies. SPCA can also use horse halters and livestock grooming items. Contact the organizations to find out their current needs.