

Local Fairbanks Resources to Help Downsizing

Need a push to de-clutter or downsize?

→ Help others in town while you help yourself!

A. Recycling ideas, listed by type of things you want to recycle (see contact info below):

- Artwork – donate to Value Village, Salvation Army, Raven Landing, auctions, consignment shop sale
- Blankets, towels, sheets – donate to animal shelter, Interior AK Center
- Books – donate to Literacy Council, Value Village, auctions, school or borough libraries
- Building supplies, tools – Value Village, Salvation Army, transfer sites
- Camping gear, sporting goods – sell at Play-it-again Sports, donate to UAF gear swap or UAF Really Free Market
- Clothing – donate to Career Closet, Value Village, Interior AK Center; Salvation Army, FMH emergency room, or sell at a consignment shop
- Electronics (TV, computer, printer, etc) – check with nonprofits or churches, or donate to Literacy Council to refurbish. Take to Borough Recycling Facility
- Furniture – Value Village, Salvation Army
- Household goods (pots and pans, silverware, dishes, brooms, vacuum) – donate to Red Cross, Interior AK Center, Value Village, Salvation Army, or donate for a nonprofit fundraiser
- Jewelry – donate to Closet Collections, Value Village, Salvation Army, auctions, sell at consignment shops
- Office supplies – donate to nonprofits, churches
- Plants, gardening items – donate plants to local offices, churches, or nonprofits, or take plants and garden supplies to Hospice for spring plant sale
- Any of the above - auction or sales to benefit local nonprofits (call before donating furniture)



B. Donation and Recycling Contacts

Donations to nonprofits are welcome. The organization may be able to pick up. They'll give you a form indicating what you've donated (number of boxes or bags), and you determine the value if you want to use the donation for itemized tax deductions. Make sure the items you donate are clean and in good condition. Nonprofit newsletters often publish wish lists of items they need – from file cabinets to computers to artwork.

Borough Recycling Facility and dumpster recycling platforms 1855 Marika Rd. 374-6616
www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/pw/Pages/CentralRecyclingFacility.aspx
Recycling Facility is open T-F 12:30 – 5, and Sat. 9 – 5. They accept electronics, paper and cardboard, newspaper, some plastic, aluminum.; Leave still-usable items on a dumpster transfer site covered platform.

Career Closet at UAF Community and Technical College (CTC) 604 Barnette St.
455-2800 Take clothing to the Welcome desk – 1st floor across from food court.

Forget-Me-Not Books (Literacy Council of Alaska) 517 Gaffney 456-6212
www.literacycouncilofalaska.org/forget-me-not-books Donate used or new books to the bookstore, or donate computers (not too old) - they refurbish to give to clients and nonprofits for very small fee.

Hospice (FMH Hospice Services) 458-5500
www.foundationhealth.org/fmh/services/hospice Donate plants and gardening items for annual plant sale in late spring.

Interior Alaska Center for Nonviolent Living (Interior AK Center - shelter for women and children) 726 26th Ave 9-5 Mon.-Fri. 452-7273 <http://www.iacnvl.org>
Donate women's and children's clothing, household goods, furniture, linens, toiletry items.

Once Upon a Child 250 3rd Ave. 250 Third St. 457-5444 Buy and sell gently used children's items 10-7 Mon.- Fri., 10-7:00, also open Sat. and Sun.

Raven Landing (Retirement Community of Fairbanks) 1222 Cowles St. 328-5454
www.ravenlanding.org Donate office furniture or supplies, artwork for display or to be sold; – call for information on what is needed

Really Free Market UAF 474-7021 (next on Sat, May 15, 2018) Bring just about any items in good condition to the Patty Gym parking lot from 8 to 10am; pick up items 10am-Noon. No money changes hands.

Salvation Army Family Store 2222 S. Cushman 456-2085
alaska.salvationarmy.org/ Donate clothing, household goods, books, furniture

Value Village (Closet Collections - Fairbanks Resource Agency) 3027 Airport Way
451-7766 www.fra-alaska.org/ Donate clothing, household goods, books, furniture. Drop off, or call to schedule a pick up.

C. Fundraising events which accept donations

Many Fairbanks nonprofits hold fundraising events during the year. To donate items for auction, make a list of items to be donated, with a good description (to help them sell) and estimated value – donate used or new items in good repair, such as artwork, books, pottery, household goods, camping or sports gear, etc.

- Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra– 474-5733 – annual auction is the first week in December
- Hospice of the Tanana Valley – 474-0311 – donate plants or gardening items to the annual plant sale in May
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center – 452-5021 – auction is in the fall
- Alaska Women's Lobby – annual auction 'Fabulous Feminist Fundraiser' in April
- Local churches
- Many others – churches (auctions and garage sales) – start your own event!!

Copies available at the AAH Fairbanks website – Community Recourses/Resource Documents/Downsizing Resources in Fairbanks

Aging at Home Fairbanks, aahfairbanks.org, www.aahfairbanks.org

