



Decluttering, downsizing and organizing

The 80/20 rule: only 20% of your 'stuff' is used 80% of the time....

... which means that 80% of your stuff is rarely being used. So...

- can you eliminate some of the unused 80%?
- can you find a substitute for "X" instead of keeping it?
- would you REALLY miss it?

Do you need help getting a particular room or area re-organized? Have you accumulated too much paper? Would you like a fresh look to your home? Are you getting ready to move?

Here are some usable tips that you can do yourself – but if you don't want to or cannot – TLC can provide the assistance you need.

- **SELECT AN AREA** – you need to start somewhere
- **SUPPLIES** – garbage bags and cleaning aids are the basics
- **SET THE TIMER** – commit to a specific length of time. If you can do more – great
- **GET STARTED** – work clockwise around a room or do a specific area – just do it!
- **THROW AWAY** – it's OK to throw away unneeded, old, dirty or broken items
- **GIVE AWAY** – donation centers, as well as family and friends may appreciate your gifts
- **SHRED** – personal/household/financial information can be shredded for a nominal fee
- **PUT AWAY** – when neatly organized, there is a place for everything
- **THREE RULES**
 - Visibility: transparent containers easily identify contents for future access
 - Accessibility: items used most should be easy to get
 - Flexibility: adapt to your changing needs

SAFETY – no cluttered hallways, no cords to walk over, no hidden 'stuff' to fall into
FINISH – step back and feel good about what you have accomplished!

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Valuation Guide for Goodwill Donors

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires donors to value their items. To help guide you, Goodwill Industries International has compiled a list providing price ranges for items commonly sold in Goodwill® stores. Assume the following items are in good condition, and remember: prices are only estimated values.

Clothing and Accessories			
	Women's	Men's	Children's
<i>Tops</i>			
Shirts/blouses	\$2-12	\$2-8	\$1-6
Sweaters	\$5-15	\$5-15	\$1-6
T-shirts	\$1-6	\$1-6	\$0.50-3
Tanks	\$1-6	\$1-6	\$0.50-3
Vests	\$3-9	\$3-9	\$1-3
<i>Bottoms</i>			
Casual	\$2-10	\$2-10	\$1-6
Dress	\$2-10	\$2-15	\$1-6
Shorts	\$1-9	\$1-9	\$0.50-6
Skirts	\$2-12		\$1-6
Jeans	\$4-21	\$4-21	\$2-10
<i>Dresses</i>			
Everyday	\$3-17		\$2-6
Evening wear	\$10-30		
<i>Suits</i>			
Two-piece	\$5-30	\$10-30	
<i>Sweats</i>			
Top	\$2-12	\$2-12	\$1-6
Bottom	\$2-12	\$2-12	\$1-6
<i>Sleepwear</i>			
Pajama	\$2-10	\$2-10	\$1-6
Nightgown	\$2-10		\$1-6
Robe	\$2-10	\$2-10	\$1-6

Clothing and Accessories (continued)

	Women's	Men's	Children's
Outerwear			
Coat	\$7-40	\$7-40	\$3-15
Blazer	\$6-12	\$6-12	\$2-6
Sports coat	\$6-12	\$6-12	\$2-6
Swimwear			
One- and two-piece	\$4-12	\$4-12	\$1-6
Shoes			
Shoe/tennis	\$4-9	\$4-9	\$2-6
Sandal/slipper	\$4-9	\$4-9	\$2-6
Boots (ankle)	\$6-18	\$6-18	\$2-6
Hand-carried items			
Handbags	\$3-9		
Wallets	\$2-6	\$2-6	
Umbrellas	\$2-6	\$2-6	
Luggage	\$5-15	\$5-15	
Belts			
Cloth/plastic	\$2-6	\$2-6	\$0.50-1.50
Leather	\$5-15	\$5-15	\$3-9

Household and Misc. Items

Electrical	
Lamps	\$4-12
Coffee makers	\$4-15
Radios	\$2-15
VCRs/DVD players	\$8-15
Griddles	\$4-12
Computers	
Monitors	\$5-50
Printers	\$5-150
Systems	\$50-250
Kitchen Items	
Glasses/mugs/cups	\$0.50-1.50
Plates	\$0.50-3
Gadgets	\$0.50-1.50
Pots and pans	\$1-3
Baking pans	\$1-3
Furniture	
Coffee tables	\$10-12
Desks	\$30-60
Dressers	\$20-60

Household and Misc. items (continued)***Furniture (continued)***

End tables	\$4-20
Sofas	\$30-150
Chairs	\$5-15
Kitchen/dinette sets	\$40-100

Bedding

Sheets/dust ruffles/mattress pads	\$2-6
Quilts/bed spreads	\$8-24
Blankets/afghans	\$2-15

Toys, games, sports equipment

Puzzles	\$0.50
Board games	\$1
Stuffed animals	\$0.50-1
Roller blades	\$4-15
Ice skates	\$3-15
Tennis rackets	\$3
Golf clubs	\$2-25

Books and multimedia

Paperback	\$0.75-2
Hardcover	\$1-3
Records	\$1
CDs	\$2-5
DVDs	\$2-5

ReSources for items the Habitat ReStore Can Not Accept

If your donation is not on List of Items the ReStore Accepts

Use these resources below to donate, recycle or dispose of your items

ReSources to Donate

Clothes, Shoes, Fabric, Housewares	Goodwill, St. Vincent DePaul, Savers, Salvation Army, Hospice Thrift
CRT Computer Monitors	Goodwill
Large Appliances the ReStore can not accept in working condition (No dishwashers)	St. Vincent de Paul
Microwaves and Small Kitchen Appliances (in good working condition)	St. Vincent, Salvation Army
Used Upholstered furniture (couches, chairs, etc.)	Goodwill, St. Vincent DePaul, Savers, Salvation Army

ReSources to Recycle

Batteries (fee may apply)	Cascade Asset Management, File 13 E-Waste Solutions, ReSource Solutions
Fourescent Bulbs (fees may apply)	Batteries Plus, Midwest Lamp Recycling, PKK Lighting, Resource Solutions,
Glass	Pellitteri Waste Systems
Appliances and Scrap Steel (Fee for AC, Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Microwaves)	Samuel's Recycling, All Metal Recycling , Moor Salvage, Resource Solutions
Plastics	Pellitteri Waste Systems, Resource Solutions Corp.
TV's (Fee may apply)	Cascade Asset Management, File 13 E-Waste Solutions, Midwest Lamp Recycling

City of Madison Recyclopdedia is a great resource for local recycling info:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/recyclopdedia.pdf>

ReSources to Reuse

Reusable building supplies that do not meet our guidelines	Freecycle.org , Diggerslist.com , Craiglist.org , Madisonstuffexchange.com
Storm Windows, Screens, Cubicles and Large Commercial Office furniture	Freecycle.org , Diggerslist.com , Craiglist.org , Madisonstuffexchange.com

ReSources to Dispose

Explosives/Ammunition/Weapons Disposal	Police Department 266-4275 or Dane County Sheriff 255-2345.
Hazardous Material, Pesticides, Ignitables, and Aerosols, and Rechargeable Batteries.	Dane County's Clean Sweep Collection Site (243-0368)
Paint, Solvents, Household Cleaners	Clean Sweep Collection Site 243-0368, Paint Drop-off Center 294-5366
Used building material & lumber that does not meet our guidelines	City of Madison <u>Large item pick-up</u> Madison East Side call (608) 246-4532 Madison West Side call (608) 266-4681
Large Quantities of Used building material & lumber scraps (more than a pickup load)	cityofmadison.com , Wastecap
Used Toilets, Tub Surrounds, Damaged items that do not meet our guidelines	City of Madison <u>Large item pick-up</u> Madison East Side (608) 246-4532 Madison West Side (608) 266-4681

Other Disposal and Recycling Resources

Madison City Streets and Recycling: Refuse, Recycling, Composting, Household Hazardous Waste, Brush, Leaf & Yard Waste	Madison East Side 4602 Sycamore (608) 246-4532 Madison West Side 1501 W. Badger Road (608) 266-4681 www.cityofmadison.com/streets/
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Wisconsin Recycling Directory Location search:

(locate specific materials recyclers)

www.goo.gl/OJqK6

You can access this document at online at www.restoredane.org/donate