

Rochester Recycle Resources

It's often easier to let go of unwanted items if you can be sure they are going to a good "home," with an opportunity for continued use. Below, I've compiled a list of both local (Rochester, New York / Monroe County) and national resources to help you dispose of unwanted items. The list includes options for appraisal, sale, consignment, donation, recycle, disposal, swap and giveaway.

Always call ahead and/or check a vendor's website for the most up-to-date information regarding the type of items they accept, along with hours of operation and location.

Appraisal

Appraisers Association of America (AAA)

www.appraisersassoc.org

212-889-5404, x11

- With members across the US, Canada, Europe, and Asia, the majority of AAA members are personal property appraisers specializing in one or more of fifty-three areas of specialization. Members provide appraisals for purposes of insurance, estate tax, charitable donation, equitable distribution, liquidation, purchase, and sale.
- Alternatively, many antique dealers also offer free appraisals for specific items. If go this route, have your item appraised by at least two different dealers.

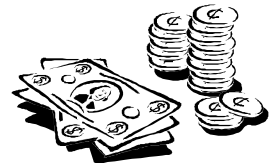
Sell Online

ebay via UPS

www.ups.com

The UPS store in Victor will sell your items for you on eBay. They prefer individual items with a minimum value of \$50, charge 32% of the first \$1,000 and take care of packaging and shipping. Call your local store to find out if they also offer this service. 585-223-7010

106 Cobblestone Ct. Plaza, Victor, NY 14564 (across from Eastview Mall)



Craigslist

www.craigslist.org

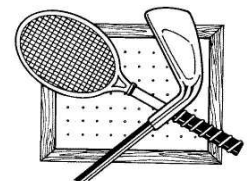
Local classifieds and forums for 570 cities in 50 countries worldwide - community moderated. Sign-up at no cost and self-publish your items for sale. In addition to goods for sale, you'll find listings for jobs, housing, services, romance, local activities, advice and more.

Athletic & Fitness Gear

Play it Again Sports: Buys, sells and trades quality used sports and fitness gear.

www.playitagainsports.com

- 3333 W. Henrietta Road (in the South Town Plaza)
Rochester, NY 14623
585-427-7750
- 1900 Empire Boulevard
Webster, NY 14580
585-671-8816



Cedar Hollow: Accepts gently used sporting goods equipment and home furnishings on consignment.

www.cedarhollowshoppes.com

585-924-5610

Bring items to Changing Closets, 7353 State Rte. 96, Victor, NY

Consignment

Clothing & Small Household Goods

Act 2 Consignment Shop: Baby, children, teen, women, men’s clothing and small household goods

585-924-7260

31 East Main Street, Victor 14564

Anything Goes: Children, women, men’s clothing *(Closed for summer break, opens again in August.)*

585-223-3737

136 Village Landing, Fairport 14450



Changing Closets: Baby, children, teen, women’s clothing

585-924-5610

7353 State Rte. 96, Victor, NY

Lu’s Back Door: Children, women, men’s clothing, accessories, small household items

www.lusbackdoor.net *(Closed for summer break, opens again in August.)*

585-377-3133

19 Jefferson Avenue, Fairport 14450

Nest Things: Maternity, baby, children’s clothing, toys

585-265-9240

111 East Main Street, Webster 14580

Platos Closet: Teen fashions: brand name, gently used, purchased on-the-spot.

www.platoscloset.com

- 3333 W. Henrietta Road
South Town Plaza, Unit # 29
Rochester, NY 14623
585-424-4350
- 3160 West Ridge Rd.
Greece, NY 14626
585-723-9660

Second Bloom Corp.: Baby, children’s, teen, women’s clothing, household

585-388-4330

1276 Fairport Road, Fairport 14450

Second Hand Rose: Children, women, men's clothing

www.northfieldcommon.com/second%20hand%20rose%20clothing%20consignment.htm

585-385-3681

50 State Street, Pittsford 14534

Second Season Clothing: Young adult, women's clothing

www.secondseasonrochester.com

585-244-6666

1555 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester 14620

Second Time Around Fashions on Consignment: Children, teen, women's clothing

www.georgetech.com/consignment

716-872-5810

3 West Main Street, Webster 14580

Small Wonders: Women, children, maternity

www.rochesterconsign.com/smallwonders/index.html

585-272-0670

1225 Jefferson Road, Rochester 14623

Take 2 Consignment Shop: Maternity, baby, children, teens' clothing

585-266-8430

685 Titus Avenue, Irondequoit 14617

Trading Closets: Teen's clothing

www.tradingclosetsonline.com

585-671-4520

1764 Empire Boulevard, Webster 14580

WeePeats Bi-annual Events: Maternity, children, pre-teens clothing, baby equipment, books, toys

www.weepeats.net

585-314-6357

This is an event held in the Fall and Spring that provides the opportunity to buy and sell children's items from 800+ registered consignors. All items are pre-screened before being accepted.

Furniture and Home Accessories

Cedar Hollow: Accepts gently used home furnishings and used sporting goods equipment on consignment.

www.cedarhollowshoppes.com

585-924-5610

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Classic Additions Consignment: Furniture, antiques, collectibles

www.northfieldcommon.com/classic%20additions%20furniture%20consignment.htm

585-218-9580

50 State Street, Pittsford 14534

Consignment Connection: Furniture, household goods, antiques
585-266-1010
687 Titus Ave, Irondequoit 14617

Fairport Village Consignment: Furniture, home accessories
585-421-3750
124 South Main Street, Fairport 14450

New Unto Others: Furniture, home accessories
www.spirituschristi.org/c_shop/index.html
585-232-8686
141 State Street, Rochester 14614

Windsor Cottage: Furniture, home accessories
www.windsorcottagehome.com
585-442-6530
3495 Winton Place Drive, Building D, Rochester 14623

Donation

Choosing a Charity

Find and read about charities before you donate.

Charitable Choices

www.charitablechoices.org

Inspiring stories of 300+ charities, all of which have met combined Federal Campaign's 10 Accountable Standards. You can make an online donation to many of them.

Charity Navigator

www.charitynavigator.com

Evaluates the financial health of over 5,400 of America's largest charities.

Assessing the Value of Items for Donation

It's Deductible

www.itsdeductible.com

Software to help you determine an IRS acceptable value for non cash contributions.

Salvation Army

www.salvationarmyusa.org

Click on Ways to Give, then click on Valuation Guide in the drop down menu

Turbo Tax

<http://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/itsdeductible/index.jsp>



Books, Textbooks and Magazines

Rochester Public Library and Branches

www2.libraryweb.org/orgMain.asp?orgid=263

Check with each library branch for its policy about receiving donated books and other library materials. In general, they will NOT accept: encyclopedias more than 5 years old, magazines, textbooks, Readers Digest Condensed books and items in poor condition.



Books for the Barrios

www.booksforthebarrios.com

925-687-7701

2350 Whitman Road, Suite D, Concord, CA 94518

Sends books to Mexico, Honduras, Philippines and Bhutan, as well as providing consulting services to other non-profit organizations who want to help over 140 book-deprived countries. In addition to National Geographic magazine, they accept a variety of school and classroom materials, athletic gear, computers, toys, games, stuffed animals, art and craft supplies, encyclopedias and dictionaries, K-12 and College Textbooks of Math, Science, and English and more.

Books to Prisoners

www.bookstoprisoners.net

206-442-2013

Seattle-based, all-volunteer, non-profit group that sends free books to prisoners in the U.S

Bridge to Asia

www.bridge.org

415-678-2990

665 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94108

In addition to National Geographic magazine, they accept academic and scholarly books, journals, monographs, databases and other materials to support the modernization of higher education in developing countries in Asia, principally China.

Building and Remodeling Supplies and Tools

Flower City Habitat for Humanity ReStore

http://rochesterhabitat.org/about_us/our_program.shtml

585-697-2012

755 Culver Road, Rochester, NY 14609

Cabinetry, masonry, plumbing & electrical fixtures, replacement doors and windows, countertops, "like new" hot water heaters, paneling, sinks, tools, wallpaper, flooring, trim, nuts & bolts, fasteners, HVAC and tools.



Cars

Vietnam Veterans

www.vva20.org/donations-auto.php585-224-8484
585-224-8484



Volunteers of America, Western New York

www.voawny.org/Default.aspx?tabid=132
585-647-1150



Cell Phones & iPods

In New York State, all wireless providers who sell phones are required to accept them for recycling. Those providers include: Alltel, AT & T, Nokia, sprint Nextel, T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless and Virgin Mobile. Best Buy and Staples also accept phones.

CollectiveGood

www.collectivegood.com

Recycles your old monitors, laptops, desktop computers, gaming consoles, digital cameras, printers, MP3 players etc., sometimes for cash. You decide whether you want the money to go to charity (pick from the CollectiveGood charity list of over 700 charities); or to you.

Wireless Foundation

www.recyclewirelessphones.com

This website can help you locate a local donation center, find a charity you want to support, direct you to a mail-back program or direct you to an on-line auction where you can sell your old mobile phone(s) and accessories. They also provide instructions for clearing your phone's memory.

iPods

www.apple.com/environment/recycling/ipodrecycling/ipodrecyclingpage.html

Fill out a form online and Apple.com will send you a postage-paid envelope to recycle your iPod or cell phone by any manufacturer.

Clothing and Household Goods

ABVI Goodwill: Bedding, books, clothing, household, toys

www.abvi-goodwill.org/stores/locations.html

Multiple drop-off locations in the Rochester area. Visit their website to find the location closest to you.



Asbury Storehouse: Clothing, kitchenware, bedding, view a list of additional items needed at their website.

www.asburyfirstumc.org/outreach/storehouse.html

585-473-0590

1050 East Avenue, Rochester 14607

Give To Others: Bringing together those in need with those who wish to give in the Central New York area.

www.givetoothers.com

888-619-0032

Saint's Place: Clothing, furniture, household

www.saintsplace.org/help.htm

585-385-6860

46 South Main Street, Pittsford 14634

Salvation Army: Clothing, household, toys

www.rochestersalvationarmy.org/thrift-store.html

Multiple drop-off locations in the Rochester area. Visit their website to find the location closest to you.

Vietnam Veterans: Clothing, household, sporting goods

www.vva20.org/donations.thriftstore.howtodonate.asp?nid=58

585-482-8016

Call to schedule a free pick-up.

Volunteers of America: Clothing, household, toys

www.voawny.org/Default.aspx?tabid=69

585-647-1150

Multiple drop-off locations in the Rochester area. Visit their website to find the location closest to you.

Working Wardrobe: Men and women's business attire

c/o Volunteers of America

www.voawny.org/OurPrograms/WorkingWardrobe/tabid/161/Default.aspx

585-647-1150

Multiple drop-off locations in the Rochester area. Visit their website to find the location closest to you.

Computers

CollectiveGood

www.collectivegood.com

Recycles your old monitors, laptops, desktop computers, gaming consoles, digital cameras, printers, MP3 players etc., sometimes for cash. You decide whether you want the money to go to charity (pick from the CollectiveGood charity list of over 700 charities); or to you.



National Cristina Foundation

www.cristina.org

203-863-9100

Matches your old computer systems with an organization that can pick them up from your home or office. Donors can also drop off equipment at a designated location or ship it to the partner organization.

Eyeglasses and Sunglasses

Your local eye doctor most likely accepts used eyeglass for donation. If not, here are some alternatives:



Lenscrafters: Accepts used eyeglasses.

www.lenscrafters.com

Multiple drop-off locations in the Rochester area. Visit their website to find the location closest to you.

Lions Clubs International: Accepts both plastic and metal frames in good condition.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/eyeglass-recycling/how-you-can-help.php>

Glasses may be mailed to the address provided, or placed in a local drop box.

New Eyes for the Needy: Accepts plastic frames in good condition, metal frames in any condition, sunglasses, and hearing aids

www.neweyesfortheneedy.org

Glasses may be mailed to the address provided.

Unite for Sight: Accepts used eyeglasses, especially reading and sunglasses.

www.uniteforsight.com

Glasses may be mailed to the address provided.

Fur

Donate your fur coat for use as bedding for newborn animals.



Humane Society of the United States

www.hsus.org/furfree/campaigns/c4c/

301-258-1490

Furs may be mailed to them at the address provided.

National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association

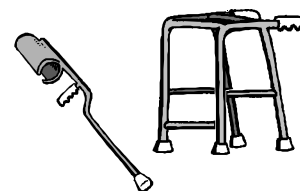
www.nwrawildlife.org/home.asp

Find a local rehabilitator.

Medical Equipment

Contact your local nursing homes, medical supply stores, school nurses, or low-income/free clinics to find out if they take donations of these items.

Want to create a more personal connection to the group that you donate to? Check with your local nursing and retirement homes, schools, hospitals, churches or synagogues, to see if they would welcome your donation. They are often looking for items to use or re-sell as a fundraiser. Items such as: arts and craft supplies, magazines, and books, clothing, athletic gear, etc.



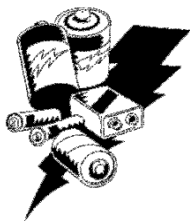
Recycle

Monroe County has created a list of alternative resources for recycling items not covered by their curbside pick-up service: www.monroecounty.gov/File/Non-Blue%20Box%20Program%20Materials.pdf



Batteries

Radio Shack and Target will take back used small button batteries used in watches, hearing aids, cameras, etc. These should NOT be thrown in the trash.



Service stations are required to take back automotive lead acid batteries.

Rechargeable batteries, such as those for cell phones and cordless power tools, should NOT be thrown in the trash. Visit www.rbrc.org/consumer and enter your zip code for a list of local retailers who accept them

Common alkaline batteries used in toys and flashlights CAN be thrown in the trash as they don't contain any mercury. I'd like to find a source for donating these. If you have one, let me know.

Computers and Electronics

Maven Technologies

www.maventech.com

585-458-2460

1144 Lexington Avenue, Rochester 14606

Micrecycle

585-224-7014

97 Humboldt Street, Rochester 14609



Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery

www.rochestercomputer.com

585-546-6620

395 Central Avenue, Rochester, NY 14605

Flower Pots or Trays

Rochester Public Market



Bring your pots or plastic trays to the market during Flower City Days and leave them. They will either be recycled or "other people can take them because there's always people looking for pots too and the growers will take them back and reuse them," says Jim Farr of the Rochester Public Market.

Check with your local nursery, they may also be happy to recycle your old containers.

Glue Sticks

Elmers Glue

www.elmersgluecrew.com

Clean, glue sticks and bottles may be dropped off at a local Walmart. Register on-line to participate and receive access to resources, activities, and more.

Magazines

Besides placing magazines in your curbside recycling bin, consider donating to schools (for collages and art projects), assisted living facilities or nursing homes, women's shelters and doctors's offices.



Packing Peanuts



Take your old packing peanuts to any UPS, Parcel Plus, Mail Boxes Etc. or other shipping outlet and they'll reuse them. (See my Blog for some alternative uses for packing peanuts.)

Plastic Bags

Wegman's: Accepts clean, dry plastic bags.

www.wegman's.com

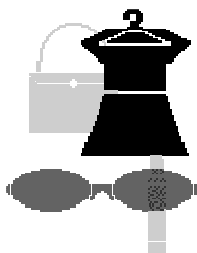
Multiple drop-off locations in the Rochester area. Visit their website to find the location closest to you. Drop boxes are usually located inside the main entrance. Bags included are grocery and retail bags, bags that wrap your morning paper, dry cleaning bags, water softener salt bags (remove strings and handles first), produce and bread bags (food residue cleaned off), zip-top bags (cut off any plastic parts first), and plastic wrappers from paper towels and toilet paper. No bubble wrap.

Printer Cartridges

Office Depot and Office Max, as well as other office-supply stores will usually accept used printer cartridges. However, Epson, Brother, and Canon are often not accepted.



Clothing Swap



Hold your own clothing swap among friends, or with a group as a fund raiser. Read about it at my website, under Workshops at: www.wingedpigorganizing.com/workshops.htm

Give Away

Freecycle

www.freecycle.org

A grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns and thus keeping good stuff out of landfills. Membership is free, and everything posted must be free, legal and appropriate for all ages.

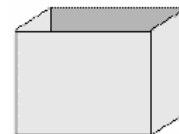
Disposal

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program, Monroe County, New York

www.monroecounty.gov/des-hhw.php

585-753-7600

When disposed of improperly, household wastes can become environmental hazards. Monroe County provides residents with a way to safely recycle or dispose of household hazardous waste *free-of-charge*.



Items are accepted by appointment only. Call 585-753-7600 (Option 3), 8:30 AM- 4 PM, Monday–Friday or use their online scheduler to make an appointment. Be ready to describe your items and the quantity of each. Under a separate fee-based program, businesses, out-of-county residents and Monroe County households that have somehow acquired industrial-use products may also call the above number for disposal information. See their website for a product lists and quantity limits.

I-800-GOT-JUNK

www.I800GotJunk.com

800-468-5865

Do you have items that your local refuse company won't accept? I-800-Got-Junk is a full-service junk removal company, they'll remove almost anything – from old furniture and appliances to garden waste and renovation debris. They do all the loading and cleanup, wherever the items are. Book online and save \$10. They make every attempt to recycle items responsibly.