

Donation Policy After Garage Sales Community Closet

We have found that accepting all items left over from garage sales can cost us more money than we make.

We have very limited space, and if we accept low-value garage sale leftovers, then we won't have room to accept donations from people who are giving to us first (without having a sale).

Many people do not realize that we have to pay commercial rates for City trash (based on weight) and we have to use staff to haul glass & magazines to recycling bins. Donations that are not useful cost us time and money.

Please feel free to contact Caron Cooper, Executive Director, at our store number, 222-6200, if you have any questions about this policy.

Our regular donation policy does not allow for the following:

- Infant car seats, playpens, cribs, or any other device with a child restraint
- Most major appliances (such as refrigerators, stoves, and washers & driers) because of disposal costs – sometimes we will take them if we can ascertain they are newer and the donor is willing to leave their name and number and agrees to take them to the dump if they do not sell within a week.
- Ripped, torn, or dirty furniture, or if it smells heavily of cigarette smoke
- Stained mattresses
- Old metal bed springs
- Mini blinds, unless they are new in box
- Encyclopedias
- Exercise equipment
- TVs without remotes
- Downhill skis & ski boots
- Any computer equipment manufactured before year 2000 –any equipment newer than 2000 must include installation cd roms.
- Bottles & jars not manufactured for canning (like spaghetti sauce jars)

- Plastic food containers like margarine containers (Tupperware or similar brands with matching lids are great)
- Incomplete appliances (stereos without speakers, blender tops without motors, etc.)

In addition, we will NOT accept the following items after a yard sale:

1. Clothing
2. Shoes
3. Dishes NOT in a set (no single glasses, plates, cups, etc.)
4. FTD glass vases
5. Toys that are not complete
6. Stuffed animals
7. Any item you offered as “free”

Please, never leave donations outside as they will be picked over and damaged by weather, leaving us a big mess to clean up first thing in the morning.