

How to Get Rid of Stuff

A Service of Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW

The items in this list are suggestions only, not recommendations. While we have attempted to verify some of the information here, we cannot attest to the accuracy of any of the details or the reliability or integrity of any of these organizations. Please be sure to **verify all details**, services provided and prices, and check reviews, if any, before using one of these services.

Most organizations listed here accept items only in good condition: no dirty or worn clothing, no chipped dishes, and no non-working electronics. Think “Would I give this item to a friend?” If the answer is “no”, don’t give it to the thrift shop. These organizations are typically dedicated to “reduce – reuse- recycle” and are not dumpsters. Many use their proceeds to help the disadvantaged of our community and/or to provide items for free to the needy. Also, many organizations will provide you with a donation receipt to use for a tax-deduction.

Go to these websites for **Dutchess County resources** throughout the county:

www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/ResourceRec/TSRprgh.htm

http://dcrra.org/want_to_recycle.html

Not-for-profit Organizations

Clothing and Household Goods

Sierra Club Annual Tag Sale, formerly held in September in Poughkeepsie. They take sporting and camping goods, tools, small furniture, household items, collectibles and more but not large electronics, clothing and shoes. Proceeds go to local Sierra Club chapter. Contact David Friedman, Friedman_david@msn.com, or go to www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/mid-hudson to determine if this will still happen.

The Barn Thrift Shop, 1416 Route 44, Pleasant Valley, and Barn Again Thrift Shop, Barn Again Thrift Shop, 845-473-1501, 853 Dutchess Turnpike (Route 44). Accepts kitchenware, media, books, glassware, clothing, shoes, linens and craft items.. Family Services and the Grace Smith House have agreements with them that clients in need of items can take items without charge. www.thebarnthriftshop.com/the-barn-thrift-shop.html, 845-635-9630

Immaculate Conception Church, Amenia, accepts donations of clothing and household goods. icsaamenia.org

The Bargain Barn in Sharon, Connecticut is a thrift shop that benefits the smallest NPR station in the nation, Robin Hood Radio. They accept clothing, fine art, jewelry, antiques, household, linens, furnishings, more. For more information please call 860.364.5202 or thebargainbarnsharonct.com

Goodwill, 1488 Rt. 9, Wappingers Falls, accepts household goods, clothing, electronics, more. Goodwill provides services to individuals with barriers to employment, by teaching and cultivating life skills. 845-298-0311, www.goodwillnynj.org/donate

Small Blessings Thrift Shop, at St. Paul’s Church, 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. Accepts clothing, housewares, linens, jewelry. 845-452-8440.

Vassar Temple holds a rummage sale twice yearly. Call 454-2570 for details.

Needle In The Haystack, 30 N. Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie, 845-380-7895, accepts clothing and household goods. Call first as at times they are full to capacity.

Ben and Gracie's Thrift Store, 406 Manchester Rd , Poughkeepsie; consignment also. 454-0006. Grace Smith House residents may shop there for free.

St. Mary's Church Thrift Shop, 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls; benefits St. Mary's Church and its ministries. Donations of gently used items are gratefully accepted only from 10am – 1:30 pm on Tuesdays and

First Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop, 2578 South Ave. Wappingers Falls, (845)297-2800

Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, accepts some household items;
www.childrenshome.us/waystogive/in-kind-gifts

Hope on a Mission collects clothing for homeless and addicted women, as well as personal care products,
www.hopeonamission.org

Nifty Thrifty, 1004 Main St. (rear), Fishkill, (845) 897-2473 takes clothing, books, blankets, shoes and bric a brac, supports PTSD programming for veterans and first responders

Furniture and More

Vassar Refugee Solidarity, refugee program, will take furniture and household items. Will pick up.
<http://pages.vassar.edu/vcsolidarity/>

Brick Barn Used Furniture, 2316 Route 44, Pleasant Valley. Accepts mostly wooden, not upholstered, furniture.
www.thebarnthriftshop.com/brick-barn-used-furniture.html

Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 1822 South Rd, Nine Mall Plaza, Wappingers Falls. Accepts new and gently used appliances, furniture, building materials, household goods and more. Will pick up. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity in Dutchess County. Website: <https://www.habitatdutchess.org>

The Salvation Army, 550 Main St., Poughkeepsie, will pick up furniture. Also accepts household goods. (845) 471-1730

Love, Inc., Poughkeepsie, accepts donations of new personal care items, new pillows, and gently used linens and furniture. www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org/what-we-do

Dutchess County SPCA Thrift Shop, 600 Violet Av. (9G), Hidden Plaza Hyde Park, NY, accepts furniture, clothing, house wares, pet supplies, dcspca.org/thrift-shoppe

New Paltz Re-Use Center, 3 Clearwater Road off Route 32, accepts reusable materials destined for landfill such as home décor materials: lamps, lighting fixtures, sinks, vanities. Website: <https://www.townofnewpaltz.org/recycling-reuse/pages/reuse-center>

Clothes

Dutchess County Dress for Success accepts gently used, nearly-new professional attire, which are then used for women entering or re-entering the work force to gain economic independence.

<https://dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org/about-us/>. Also, Red Cap Cleaners on Main St. in Poughkeepsie is a drop-off location for them. They will clean your clothes and then donate them.

Medication/Medical Equipment

Go to this website for information about how to dispose of prescription medications throughout the county:
www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/STOPDWI/DWPrescriptionDrugTakeback.pdf

Jewish Federation collects walkers, medical equipment. They have a loan closet. Call (845) 471-9811 or by email at admin@jewishdutchess.org. Website: <https://jewishdutchess.org/home/the-medical-lending-closet>

Poughkeepsie Reformed Church has a medical loan closet. <https://www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com/medequip-loan-closet-1>

National Take Back Day, once a year in October, organized by the National DEA, as a way of disposing of unwanted drugs. Go to takebackday.dea.gov for more information and local sites.

Books, Music, Musical Instruments, Craft Supplies, Flowers

Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library Book Store accepts donated books. Check website for donation hours: poklib.org/book-store. The store is located behind the library on Boardman Rd. They will not accept battered/musty books, magazines/journals, videos (VHS), cassettes, condensed books, encyclopedias, old textbooks, and classical records (except opera).

The DCC Academy of Music accepts sheet music and instruments, both in good condition, which are then passed on to students. Contact laura.doe@sunydutchess.edu

Piano Adoption, Piano Adoption is a free site where you can find a home for your unused piano. Give the gift of music to a family in search of a starter piano or an institution such as a church, school or retirement home in need of a piano. Go to: pianoadoption.com

Renew For You Bouquets repurposes donated flowers into vased bouquets that are then distributed to elders in senior care facilities. Also accepts vases. www.facebook.com/RenewedForYouBouquets

Electronics, chemicals, non-garbage, metal or recyclable

The Hudson Valley Credit Union holds an Electronics Recycling Event annually; free for members. Check website for updates about when it will resume: www.hvcu.org/About-Us/Community/Community-Events

Dutchess County County Solid Waste Management has hazardous waste collection days. Collections of a variety of items can be disposed of around the county. www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/SolidWasteMgmt

Goodwill, 1488 Rt. 9, Wappingers Falls, accepted computers, TV's, phones, more. Call first for verify: (845) 298-0311 or www.goodwillnynj.org/donate

Paper

The Hudson Valley Credit Union held a Shredding Event annually; free for members. Check website for updates about when it will resume: www.hvcu.org/About-Us/Community/Community-Events

Poughkeepsie Public Library District holds an occasional free shred day. Go to poklib.org for more information.

Other

Freecycle Network™ is made up of groups around the world. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Go to groups.freecycle.org/group/PoughkeepsieNY/posts/all

Repair Café Hudson Valley uses volunteer coaches to repair, or help you repair, your household items. Locations throughout Hudson Valley. www.repaircafehv.org

For-profit Organizations

Clothing and Household Goods

Past n Perfect Consignment, 1629 Main St., Pleasant Valley • NY, 845-635-3115, www.pastnperfect.com. Consigns clothing, jewelry, accessories

Simplicity Resale & Consignment – clothing and household goods. 1820 New Hackensack Plaza, Rte 376, www.simplicitygoods.com, 845-240-1794

Blackbird Attic Consignment – better quality clothing. 442 Main St., Beacon, www.blackbirdattic.com

Topanga Consignment-330 Main St., Poughkeepsie, consigns women's clothing, mid-century modern and real wood furniture and more

Ultrah Unlimited buys household goods and antiques but not clothing and furniture. Will sell on eBay. Poughkeepsie and Wappingers.

Furniture and more

Hyde Park Consignments, 4291 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, accepts: women's clothing, books/DVDs/CDs, furniture, sporting goods, select electronics, household items, antiques, collectibles, toys, and more. www.hydeparkconsignments.com, 845-229-7467

Central Hudson will pick up working refrigerators and freezers from their customers and pay you \$100. They also pick up through-the-wall or window air conditioners, but with no payment. Check website for details: www.savingscentral.com/fridge-freezer

Hudson Valley Vinyl buys your records. @67 Main St., Beacon, <https://hudsonvalleyvinyl.com/>

Darkside Records, Poughkeepsie buys music, movies and audio gear. www.darksiderecordsandgallery.com

Antiques, Artwork, Collectibles, Better Household Items (See boxes on last page for more information)

Absolute Auction, Pleasant Valley, consigns antiques, collectibles, furniture, and other items. Email info@arauctions.com, call 845-635-3169 or go to www.arauctions.com/home.

Hyde Park Country Auctions will buy or consign American antiques and art. 471-5660 or 471-5661, hpcountryauctions.com

George Cole Auctions estate liquidators, antiques, www.georgecoleauctions.com

Cobblestone Antiques purchase antiques, collectibles, and estates. Brian and Joanne Pinello Kaley. cobblestoneantiquesny@gmail.com, 914 489-6526

Hudson Valley House Parts, Newburgh, may buy antiques or architectural salvage, www.hvhouseparts.com

Replacements Ltd. buys silver, china, glassware, depending on their need. Check: www.replacements.com/sell-to-us

Arnie Serotsky deals in sports memorabilia, Hyde Park Antique Center, www.hydeparkantiques.net

Russ Bock deals in trains, asstprin@aol.com

Check this site: dutchesstourism.com/listing/shopping/antiques for other businesses where you may sell or consign antiques or collectibles.

Electronics, paper, chemicals, non-garbage or recyclable

Best Buy will accept electronics and appliances for recycling. Pick up for a fee. Go to www.bestbuy.com, go to Services, and then click on "haul away and recycle".

Target will accept used electronics in exchange for gift cards: targettrade-in.com/online/home/index.rails

HVShred has drop-off shredding locations throughout the Hudson Valley. www.hvshred.com/our-services/drop-off-locations

Recycle Depot, Poughkeepsie will accept garage and basement clean-outs, for recycling. www.recycledepotfacility.com

Other

Zach Martin, junk removal and clean-out, 845 453-0068, very highly reviewed on Neighborhood Digest Spackenkill Wilbur

1-800-GOT-JUNK is a full-service junk removal company. They ensure that your junk is recycled, donated, or otherwise disposed of responsibly. www.1800gotjunk.com

National Association of Senior Move Managers, www.nasmm.org/index.cfm. Members of this organization specialize in helping older adults with the process of downsizing and moving to a new residence. You can search on this site for a move manager nearest your home.

Other organizations to try – check with them to verify that they still accept donations and to see what they might need:

Grace Smith House typically accepts new and unopened personal care products
<https://www.gracesmithhouse.org/items.html>

Hudson River Housing, 313 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, (845) 454-5176; call to see what they might need.,

Dutchess Outreach formerly accepted donations of kitchen and household goods, and children’s clothing at the Children’s Clothes Closet . Check first: www.dutchessoutreach.org

How to Sell Things on Line; check one or more of these online resources:

For your safety, it is recommended that you accept only cash (money orders and cashiers checks can be faked) for local transactions Deal only locally and in person. And always meet in a public place, or have another person in your home when you make the exchange. Do not accept an overpayment with the promise that you will return some of the overpayment; this is certainly a scam. For these local selling services, there is no way to make a claim for a fraudulent purchase. More details about safety: <https://www.sheenmagazine.com/7-ways-to-protect-yourself-when-you-buy-and-sell-on-craigslist/>

Local:

Craigslist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idwpQgKC0t0>

https://www.craigslist.org/about/help/how_to_post

Facetime Marketplace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyNpSZVPqHQ>

<https://www.facebook.com/help/561376580709359>

Letgo, similar to Craigslist

<https://we.letgo.com/blog/how-to-post-an-item-on-letgo>

Online: fees, ability to accept payment and provide shipping::

eBay; you’ll need a payment method and will have to ship

<https://pages.ebay.com/seller-center/get-started/selling-basics.html>

Etsy: best for homemade, crafts or vintage items

<https://help.etsy.com/hc/en-us/articles/115014502448-Beginner-s-Guide-to-Selling-on-Etsy?segment=selling>

Notes from auction professional Sue Doyle:

Auction consignment involves signing a contract between the company and the person(s) owning the items, that should spell out the commission rate, and the specifics of any other fees such as trucking, preparation, photography, advertising the items, etc. The contract should also spell out what the responsibilities of the auction company are and those of the seller. It should also give an idea of when the items will sell and when the owner will be paid. It would be good for the seller to know where the auction company will advertise the items consigned. Auction companies generally sell antiques, collectibles, household furnishings, glassware, silver, etc. but they can also sell vehicles, boats, lawn mowers, and real estate. Some sell contents of closed businesses. It is good to ask if the items will sell at a live auction or an online auction. Both can be good, but it is good to know where to look for the items once put up for sale.

Notes from antiques professional JP Kaley, Cobblestone Antiques

I cannot count how many times parents or heirs have called, sent pictures or come explaining they have Hummel or Royal Doulton collections with boxes, China sets, Waterford crystal, or furniture wanting or needing to sell. Often after the current market has been explained people are very disappointed. At an auction items from collections often are put in box lots yielding very little money plus the auctioneer fee. See the articles below for more details.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=articles+on+no+one+wanting+boomer+possessions&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-us&client=safari>

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