

County of San Mateo

RE-USE GUIDE

Where to Donate Unwanted Items



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RECYCLEWORKS

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RecycleWorks Online ReUse Center www.recycleworks.org/reuse_center.html	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	These websites offer free local posting of donations: www.Local2Me.com www.freecycle.org www.peninsulaonline.com www.fogster.com – S.Peninsula www.craigslist.org		RecycleWorks Online ReUse Center offers information on reuse resources including the listings detailed in the Notes column.	
ACCRC Alameda County Computer Resource Center 1501 Eastshore Highway Berkeley, CA 510-528-4052 www.accrc.org					X	X							Software	*Picks up quantity only. Fee for most items. Cell phones, laptops, game consoles free. Takes electronics whether working or not. Fixes non-working equipment so it can be reused.	X*	The Alameda County Computer Resource Center helps disadvantaged, undereducated, and disabled humans gain access to technology, computers, and the internet.	X
Books for the Barrios 2350 Whitman Road, Suite D Concord 925-687-7701 www.booksforthebarrios.com			X		X							X		Books: children's books only. No library discards, no US history or foreign language books. Only magazine accepted is National Geographic. Accepts toys, games and puzzles. Computer equipment: No Macs; Pentium II or better. *Call for pick-up information.	X*	Books for the Barrios collects educational learning aids and devices from schools, publishers and school children in the United States and delivers them to remote public schools throughout the Republic of the Philippines.	X
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula Menlo Park 650-322-8065 www.bgcp.org			X	X	X			X				X	Art & school supplies, musical instruments, sports equipment	Computer Equipment: Pentium III or better. Furniture: Sofas, bookshelves, chairs, and entertainment center equipment only. *Call for pick-up information	X*	To inspire and enable all young people, especially those from underserved circumstances to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.	X
CALL Primrose Center 139 Primrose Rd. Burlingame 650-342-2255 www.callprimrose.org			X				X				X			Children's & adult books. Food: Fresh, including home grown produce, canned and packaged. Medical: Canes, walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs.		CALL Primrose Center faithfully assists those in need on a path towards self-sufficiency by providing direct aid & referral services.	X
Career Closet 1163 Chess Dr., Suite A Foster City 650-572-1368 www.careercloset.org				X									Shoes, costume jewelry, bras, purses	Women's interview and career clothing only. Must be clean, pressed and on hangers. Donation hours: T 12-6, Th-F 12-4		The Career Closet empowers economically disadvantaged women by providing suitable clothing and other services to ensure success in gaining and retaining employment.	X

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Clara-Mateo Alliance Menlo Park 650-853-7066 www.clara-mateo.org			X	X			X		X				Sleepwear and robes	Food: prepared food only. Household items: Bed linens & towels, baby equipment. Call M-F before bringing items.		Clara-Mateo Alliance provides shelter and supportive services to individuals and families in need to assist them in obtaining stable housing and self-sufficiency.	X
Coastside Catholic Worker 160 Kelly Avenue Half Moon Bay 650-726-6606 magdalenehouse1@aol.com		X		X			X		X			X	Disposable diapers, baby supplies	Clothing: For babies & children up to 8 years. Food: canned goods only. *Pick up on coast only. Please call before bringing items.	X*	Coastside Catholic Worker is a faith-based organization serving anyone in need in the coastside area of San Mateo County.	
CRC- Computer Recycling Center 370 West Caribbean Drive Sunnyvale 1-888-8USEDPC (1-888-887-3372) www.crc.org					X	X								Accepts all electronics except kitchen & bathroom items. See website for fees. Takes electronics whether working or not. Fixes non-working equipment so it can be re-used. *Picks up quantity for businesses.	X*	The Computer Recycling Center's mission is to "Reuse the best and recycle the rest," and to keep computer equipment out of the landfill.	X
C.U.R.A. 37437 Glenmoor Drive Fremont 510-713-3200					X								Software	*Will pick up if more than 10 complete systems, working or not.	X*	C.U.R.A. provides 24-hour residential treatment related to chemical dependency. The organization is fully certified and licensed by the State of California.	X
Elsa Segovia Center 795 Willow Road Bldg 323-E Menlo Park 650-326-9898 www.clara-mateo.org			X	X			X		X			X		Please call before donating.		The Center provides day drop-in services for women & children and supportive services to people in need to assist them in obtaining stable housing and self-sufficiency.	X
Ecumenical Hunger Program East Palo Alto 650-323-7781 www.ehpcare.org	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Toys, children & infant items	Large Appliances: less than 10 years old. Computer equipment: less than 5 years old. Furniture: no tears, scratches or stains. No office items. Food: Fresh or unopened. *Picks up from Sunnyvale to San Mateo.	X*	The Ecumenical Hunger Program works with families to eliminate their hunger and to break the cycle of poverty; provides food, clothing, household essentials, social advocacy and referral services.	X

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Family Connections Menlo Park and East Palo Alto Locations 650-592-4862 www.FamilyConnections.org			X									X	See wish list on website; children's car seats	Preschool children's books and toys.		Family Connections is a free preschool that helps low income parents become involved in their children's education and helps prevent violence in families.	X
Funders Bookstore of San Mateo County Historical Association 777 Hamilton Street Redwood City 650-299-0104			X									X	Audio & video cassettes, CDs & DVDs	Books: gently used. No magazines, textbooks, encyclopedia sets or library discards. Drop off at the Museum upstairs, 10 am-4 pm every day except Monday. *Will pickup for larger collections.	X*	All proceeds of the Funders Bookstore benefit the San Mateo County Historical Association.	X
Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin Counties Multiple locations- call 1-888-4-GOODWILL or see www.sfgoodwill.org		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	Textbooks	Books: No encyclopedias or magazines. Household items: Accepts CDs, DVDs, & records; also phones, including cell phones. Can drop off at stores and donation centers.		Goodwill Industries is an autonomous not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to creating solutions to poverty through workforce creation, social action and environmental stewardship.	X
Human Services Agency of San Mateo County Daly City 650-301-8444	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Drop off of items in Daly City & Belmont. *Pick-up possible. Medical: wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc.	X*	The Human Services Agency strives to promote self-sufficiency, increase family strength and stability, and improve community health.	X
Latino Commission/Entre Familia South San Francisco 650-244-1444 www.thelatinocommission.com	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				Computer equipment: 5 years old or less. Mattresses: Good condition only.	X	Nonprofit administering five residential homes primarily for Latino men and women with alcohol and drug problems.	X
Parca Burlingame 1-877-997-2722 www.parca.org		X	X	X	X	X			X			X		Accepts working computer and stereo equipment. Two monitor limit. TV's: 19 in. & smaller. Books: paperback only. Please call for pick up.	X	Parca provides quality programs, services and advocacy to people with developmental disabilities and their families.	X
Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA San Mateo 650-340-7022 x 389 www.peninsulahumanesociety.org			X	X		X		X	X				Pet supplies; sports equipment: bikes, tennis racquets, etc. Variety of items for animals	Other Electronics: Fax machines, stereos and TVs. Old newspaper/bedding materials for pets. Items may be brought to Pick of the Litter store: 1127 Chula Vista, Burlingame. Please call first.		The PHS/SPCA, a private non-profit organization guided by the humane ethic, builds healthy relationships between people and animals.	X

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Project 90 San Mateo 650-333-8831	X	X	X	X		X	X	X						Clothing: Men's only; no clothing with advertisements. Books: No textbooks. Food: Non-perishable.	X	Project 90 is a premier human services organization meeting the needs of individuals, family, and the community, through alcohol and drug recovery services.	X
Puente de la Costa Sur Pescadero 1-866-892-8236		X		X			X						Bikes, blankets	Small appliances: Small TVs, microwaves. Clothing: Only accepts men's hooded sweatshirts and jackets. Food: rice, beans, canned fruit. Please call before donating or delivering.		The organization helps immigrant men working in the agricultural and floricultural industries.	X
Rebuilding Together Peninsula Redwood City 650-366-6597 www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org	X												Accepts certain household items in good condition, including carpeting and electrical fixtures.	Appliances: 3 years old or less. Call ahead to see if item is needed. *Prefers drop-off donations.	X*	Rebuilding Together Peninsula is a non-denominational organization that builds volunteer partnerships to rehabilitate homes and community facilities of low-income, elderly and/or disabled neighbors so they can live in warmth, safety and independence.	X
St. Francis Center Redwood City 650-365-7829 www.stfrancisrwc.org		X		X		X	X	X	X				Blankets, sheets, towels, child car seats	Clothing: casual & barely used: includes baby & children's clothing. Furniture: small pieces; Food: Non perishable food within the expiration date and fresh produce.		St. Francis Center helps needy families in the Redwood City area.	X
St. Vincent de Paul Society Locations in Daly City, South San Francisco, San Mateo & Redwood City 650-871-6844	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				Sleeping bags, bicycles (all sizes)	Appliances: frost free refrigerators only; must be plugged in for 24 hours. Computers: none older than 3 years; whole systems only. Other items: no tears or stains, or items needing repairs.	X	St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance to both families and individuals in need in San Mateo County. Donated items provided without charge to needy families.	X
The Salvation Army 1-800-958-7825 www.satruck.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X			*Call 650-266-4591 for Food only	X	The Salvation Army offers a "heart to God, hand to man."	X

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Samaritan House San Mateo 341-4081 www.samaritanhouse.com		X		X*		X	X		X					*Clothing: clean & not torn: call 341-8309		Samaritan House provides a broad range of services dedicated to meeting the needs of low-income residents within San Mateo County.	X
San Mateo County Interfaith Hospitality Network Burlingame 650-652-1103 www.NIHN.org		X					X		X				Baby Supplies	May also accept clothing and computer equipment. Call regarding donation arrangements.		The Interfaith Hospitality Network's purpose is to engage the interfaith community in helping homeless families regain and sustain independence.	X
Senior Coastsiders Next-to-New Thrift Store 515 Kelly Avenue Half Moon Bay 650-726-6543 www.SeniorCoastsiders.org			X	X				X	X				Bicycles-working or needing repair (all sizes).	Furniture: Non-upholstered only. Call first. Medical: Donated to local health center. Open: M.-Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 12-4 pm. *Half Moon Bay-Montara only.	X*	All proceeds support seniors on the coastside.	X
Shelter Network 1450 Chapin Ave., 2nd Floor Burlingame Other drop-off locations in Daly City & San Mateo. 650-685-5880 www.shelternetwork.org		X		X	X		X		X				Toiletries, linens, baby supplies	Computer equipment: must be working equipment 5 years old or less. No Macs, PCs only; must be able to use Windows 98.		Shelter Network is a nonprofit organization which provides housing and services for homeless families and individuals in San Mateo County.	X
The Shop: A Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula Fund Raiser 785 Santa Cruz Avenue Menlo Park 650-328-7467 www.thejuniorleague.org			X	X				X	X				X	Accessories, jewelry, shoes, CDs, DVDs, toys & games Books: current bestsellers. Furniture: small pieces. Please call first. Shop Hours: M-Sat 10 am - 5 pm. Donations accepted T-Sat, 10 am to 5 pm.		The Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.	X
South Coast Children's Services Pescadero Thrift Shop 2041 Pescadero Creek Road Pescadero 650-879-9613 www.southcoastchildren.org		X	X	X		X*		X*	X				X*	Jewelry, cell phones *Furniture: small pieces. *NO TVs, fax machines or printers. *No toys with small pieces.		To provide educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for the young people of the south coast of San Mateo County.	X

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Uhuru Furniture & Collectibles Oakland 510-763-3342 uhurufurniture@yahoo.com	X	X	X			X		X	X				Hot tubs, pianos, collectibles, estates	Please call for details on large appliances. No stoves.	X	Uhuru Furniture and Collectibles is a nonprofit fundraising institution of the African People's Education and Defense Fund, Inc. in support of economic development, education and health in the black community.	X
Urban Ministry –InnVision Clothes Closet 330 Ravenswood Avenue Menlo Park* 650-853-8697 www.umpa.org				X									Tents, Sleeping bags	Clothing: includes coats, gloves, hats, scarves & shoes. Household: toiletries, towels. Pick up may be possible. *Only open W, 1:00 – 3:45 pm. Drop off available at the drop-in center, 400 Mitchell Lane, Palo Alto- M-F from 8:00-11:30 am		The Urban Ministry provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling to homeless and at-risk people in the Mid-Peninsula.	X
Urban Ministry –InnVision Food Closet 425 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto 650-325-3664 www.umpa.org							X							Accepts donations of canned and other non-perishable food. M-F 9:30-3:30 pm		Distributes bags of groceries to qualified homeless and low-income clients.	X
VIDA-USA 6251 Hollis Street Emeryville 510-655-8281 www.vidausa.org											X			Hospital beds, crutches, wheelchairs, medical supplies and equipment. Drop-off permitted; organization picks up large amounts of materials.	X	VIDA-USA provides assistance to health institutions and development projects that support people in need in Latin America, regardless of race, religion or politics.	X
Women's Recovery Association Locations in San Mateo & Burlingame 650-347-8808 www.womensrecovery.org	X	X		X		X		X	X			X	Art supplies, costume jewelry and office supplies	Furniture: Not stained or torn. Call or e-mail before making donations.		The Women's Recovery Association assists women, girls and their families in recovering from chemical dependency and its secondary effects.	X
YES Reading Menlo Park 650-326-0996 www.yesreading.org			X										Copy paper, cleaning supplies, headphones and tape recorders	Reading books only for kindergarten-6th grade levels *May be available	X*	YES Reading provides reading support to struggling students by opening volunteer-based reading centers on school campuses.	X

Additional Resources

Bikes

The following places fix up old bikes for resale or donation:

The Bike Hut, San Francisco, 415-543-4335

Cardinal Bicycle Shop, Palo Alto, 650-328-8900

Major Taylor Cycling Club of East Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, 408-246-8149, in the evenings. www.mtcc.us
Specializes in children's bikes.

Mountain View Community Service Agency Bicycle Exchange, Mountain View, 650-968-0836
www.romp.org/bicycle-exchange
Accepts children's bikes from January to November.

Pedal Revolution, San Francisco, 415-641-1264. www.pedalrevolution.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society, various locations in San Mateo County. 650-871-6844.
Accepts working bikes only.

Senior Coastsiders, Half Moon Bay. 650-726-6543.
www.seniorcoastsiders.org

Books

Most public libraries will accept books in good condition for sale to benefit the library. Please contact your library to see what items they accept before delivering materials.

Cars and other vehicles

**accepts other vehicles such as boats, RVs, etc.*

Accepts vehicles in any condition – may depend on year & make:

***Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin Counties**, 415-575-2185

St. Vincent De Paul Society, 650-598-9148

Accepts only vehicles in running condition:

***Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula**, 650-322-8065

***Human Services Agency of San Mateo County** 650-301-8444

***Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**, 650-340-7022 X389

PARCA, 1-877-997-2722

Project 90, 650-333-8831

***Uhuru Furniture & Collectibles**, 510-763-3342

Cell Phones

Drop-off cell phones at these transfer stations: San Bruno Garbage Company, Blue Line (South San Francisco), Coastside/Seacoast (Pacifica) and the San Carlos Recycling Center. For other options contact RecycleWorks.

Eyeglasses

Local Lions Clubs sponsor an eyeglass collection program, in which the glasses are re-used. Many optometry stores contain collection boxes for the eyeglasses.

Miscellaneous Supplies for Art and School Projects

The two organizations below accept arts, crafts and unusual items for school education projects. Please call for donation approval.

RAFT- Resource Area for Teaching
1355 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, 408-451-1420 www.raft.net

SCRAP- Scroungers' Center for Re-usable Art Parts, 801 Toland, San Francisco, 415-647-1746
www.scrap-sf.org.

Packaging

Peanuts, Bubble Wrap, etc.

Ask your local packaging or shipping store if they will accept various packaging materials for reuse.

New Life Auctions, 1191 Chess Drive, Foster City, 650-572-1222

Pack and Mail, 1017 El Camino Real (in Sequoia Station), Redwood City, 650-365-2892

PakMail, 201 S. Delaware #A, San Mateo, 650-342-8888

The UPS Store, local location: 1-800-PICK-UPS or www.ups.com

Wrap It Up, 500 Palmetto Ave. Pacifica, 650-557-0192
Must be clean and brought in plastic bags.

Remodeling

Many building materials can be donated to salvage yards for reuse. Sometimes pick-up can be arranged.

Whole House Building Supply, East Palo Alto
650-328-8731
www.driftwoodsalvage.com

For additional options, visit the RecycleWorks database and search under the category "construction" and the subcategory "salvage yards," or call RecycleWorks.

Recycling and Reuse Information for Greater Bay Area

Alameda County: 1-877-786-7297;
www.stopwaste.org

Palo Alto: 650-496-5910 or visit the Recyclopeda at www.cityofpaloalto.org/recycle

Santa Clara County: 1-800-533-8414;
www.recyclestuff.org

City and County of San Francisco: 415-554-7329;
www.sfenvironment.org

Information

For recycling locations and information on other RecycleWorks programs, such as composting and green building, please contact us at:

1-888-442-2666
info@RecycleWorks.org
www.RecycleWorks.org

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