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Items We Would Love To Have Donated

The Arc Thriftown loves to receive community donations. Donations are accepted Monday, Friday and Saturday during our regular hours of operation. Just pull up to the blue door located on the back side of the building and ring our bell. Please be aware that if you drop donations off in the alley after hours, the donation will be stolen or destroyed before we can get to it. The Arc Thriftown does provide tax receipts, please note requirements for tax deductions on page 2.

Often we are asked as to what types of items are able to be donated. The Arc Thriftown accepts quality donations of the following items:

Clothing These items should be clean. Donations are accepted of men's, women's, and children's clothing. Vintage clothing is a treasure along with any Halloween costumes. Specialty clothing like prom dresses, tuxedos, sport or work uniforms and maternity are always in demand.

Linens These items should be clean. When it has been a cold winter, blankets sell as fast as they are stocked. Curtains, bed spreads, sheets are all acceptable donations.

Kitchen/Household Items Clean, unbroken, and reusable items are always needed. Decorative items for the home as well as craft supplies are always loved.

Furniture Couches, recliners, chairs, should be clean with untorn cushions and upholstery. Mattresses in all sizes are a fast selling item. These should be clean, untorn and not highly soiled. Dressers, kitchen tables, dining sets, coffee tables, bookcases, and outdoor furniture — the thrift store can use it all.

Electronics These items need to be in working order. Toasters, coffee makers, microwaves, lamps, radios, fans, heaters, computer items, TV's, VCR's can always find a new home. Tools, hardware items, and left over nuts and bolts are great items to bring in.

Sports Equipment Especially kids' team sports, but we welcome it all!

Miscellaneous Items Clean, reusable and collectables are always welcome. People enjoy purchasing kitchen items, knick knacks, artwork, jewelry, home décor items, toys, books, videos, all types of music, craft supplies, material.

If you would like to donate items not listed or have any questions, please give us a call. We have sold pianos, boats, and cars and are always looking for that new-found treasure.

- Please note that we occasionally get so congested that we have to turn people away and not accept donations. Please be patient with us – we are working hard to make room for new donations as fast as we can sell them in the store!
- It's helpful if you separate household items from clothing!
- Please call 1st if you have a big load!
- If you want a receipt for tax purposes, IRS rules now require Tax Deductible Donations to be in good (working) condition, and that they are itemized. We will also need your address and phone number.
- If it's broken, we can't sell it. If it's dirty, we won't sell it. Please don't leave us your trash! Money we have to spend on taking your trash to the dump cannot be spent on our mission!

Deducting Your Donations

Assigning value to contributions for tax

deductions: Did you know that the items you donate to The Arc Thriftown could be helping you as a tax deduction? That is why when you donate items to the thrift store we ask if you would like a receipt. The following points should be noted if you are planning on keeping track of your donations for tax purposes.

Only taxpayers who itemize may deduct. There are two important rules:

1. The deduction can't exceed the fair market value of the donated item at the time the gift is made. The IRS defines fair market value as "the price a willing, knowledgeable buyer would pay a willing, knowledgeable seller when neither has to buy or sell.
2. It is up to you the taxpayer-not the charity to establish and defend the value.

Additionally:

- As for claiming deductions, keep in mind that the higher the declared value the more documentation of value will be required.
- \$250-plus: You will need a receipt from the charity describing what type of goods had been donated. The receipt(s) must be received before a tax return is filed or it will not be accepted in an IRS audit.
- \$500-plus: You will need to file with your return a Form 8283, which goes into deeper detail of the property donated and the circumstances of the contribution.
- \$5,000-plus: You will need a formal appraisal from an accredited source as to the value of the item(s) donated. Check with the IRS for the list of rules for acceptable appraisers.

Clothes, household goods and furniture: The ordinary taxpayer has a couple of choices for determining the value of this type of donated goods. There are books and software applications on the market that cover this subject as well as web sites offering information. IE: Goodwill Industries post values for dozens of common items at www.goodwillpromo.org. So the best possible scenario is to take a snap shot of the items you are donating to verify the condition and to make a detailed list of the items that can be attached to the receipt you receive from the charity. With a little preparation and filing, your goods donated to a charitable organization can help your next tax return as well as benefiting the organization of your choice!

DONATION HOURS:

Friday & Monday 10:00 – 5:00, Saturday 10:00 – 4:30
SORRY, NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS

Thank you for your support & donations!
We appreciate you!