

How to Get Rid of Stuff

A Service of Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW

The items in this list are from suggestions made by AAUW members, who may or may not have used these services. While we have attempted to verify some of the information here, we cannot guarantee 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, 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. 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.

A Valuable Website: Dutchess County Solid Waste Management:
www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/SolidWasteMgmt

Not-for-profit Organizations

Recycling and Disposal

Go to this website for Dutchess County transfer stations recycling programs throughout the county:
www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/ResourceRec/TSRprg.htm

Clothing and Household Goods

Dutchess Outreach accepts donations of kitchen and household goods. www.dutchessoutreach.org

Sierra Club Annual Tag Sale, usually end of September, at Paula’s Public House, 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, 845-701-6229 or www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/mid-hudson

The Barn Thrift Shop, 1416 Route 44, Pleasant Valley. 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

Second Hand Rose Thrift Store, 450 Main St, Poughkeepsie. Accepts clothing, toys and household items. Affiliated with Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, where you can drop off donations. The money raised is used to aid people in need in Dutchess County. (845) 471-5266

Red Hook United Methodist Church, Seeks donations of clean cotton fabric which they weave into fabric, which is then transformed into unique, attractive and useful everyday items. To support their food pantry. redhook.umchurches.org

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, Search on Facebook

The Mark-It Place, Thrift Shop of the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park, 577 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park. Accepts, clothing, house wares, jewelry. www.umchp.com/index.php/16-missions/17-the-mark-it-place, 229-5611

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

Nearly New, 8 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie, accepts clothing, household goods. 845-471-5266

Small Blessings Thrift Shop, at St. Paul's Church, 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. Accepts clothing, housewares, linens, jewelry. 845-452-8440. Hours of operation for sales and donations accepted are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 2pm (organized by AAUW member Jeanne Henderson)

The Second Show Community Thrift Shop accepts clothing and household goods. Benefits Columbia Memorial Hospital. 519 Warren Street, Hudson, NY, www.thesecondshow.com , 518-828-2990

Furniture and More

Vassar Solidarity, refugee program, will take furniture and household items. Will pick up. Contact: HUDSONREFUGEEALLIANCE@gmail.com

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, 625 Dutchess Tpk, Poughkeepsie. 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: hfh-ny-dutc-restore.huterra.org

Harvest Community Outreach Mission of Dutchess County, (486-4357) or Beth El Church (471-1195) accepts furniture, cars, computers, appliances (large and small), clothes, shoes and misc. household goods. Ricardo Dancey is Outreach Director and Mission Manager (380-4529); he is the one who actually arranges the pickup. Donations are given to needy individuals locally.

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: www.newpaltzreuse.org/reuse-center

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. Barbara Van Itallie used this site when she could not sell her spinet piano and very quickly found a new home for the piano with a young musician. pianoadoption.com

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. Call 845.452.5104 Ext. 122 to schedule a donation appointment.

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. Contact Patty at (845) 471-9811 or by email at admin@jewishdutchess.org. hjewishdutchess.org/home/the-medical-lending-closet

Poughkeepsie Reformed Church has a medical loan closet. Call Jonathan Fay at (845) 235-0617. www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.org

StarkeyHearing Foundation recycles hearing aids. www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/Hearing-Aid-Recycling

Food

Rescuing Leftover Cuisine in Poughkeepsie will pick up food leftover from a party or event, or surplus from your garden, and distribute to food banks. www.facebook.com/RLCinPoughkeepsie/about

Books

Friends of the Poughkeepsie Library Book Store accepts donated books Monday through Friday between 10:00AM and noon. 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). Website: poklib.org/friends-of-ppld/book-store

Antiques, Artwork, Better Household Items

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW Auction will accept high quality items for the annual fund-raiser to support our scholarships and community initiatives. These are NOT garage sale items. Contact Linda Roberts, olsen241@aol.com to determine if your items are suitable for this event.

Electronics, chemicals, non-garbage, metal or recyclable

The Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union holds an Electronics Recycling Event annual; free for members. Check website for details: www.hvfcu.org/about-us/shredder-truck

Dutchess 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, accepts computers, TV's, phones, more. 845-298-0311, www.goodwillnynj.org/donate

Papers

The Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union holds an Shredder Truck Events several times per year; free for members. Check website for details: www.hvfcu.org/about-us/shredder-truck

Poughkeepsie-Arlington Rotary hold a shredding truck event. For information contact Judith Papo, a member of the Poughkeepsie-Arlington Club and CEO of HVShred - Judith@hvshred.com

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 www.freecycle.org and click on 'Browse Groups'.

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

For-profit Organizations

Clothing and Household Goods

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

Surviving Sisters Boutique, 4412 Albany Post Rd. (Rt. 9), Hyde Park, resale shop, specializes in vintage clothing. 845-229-0425

Schoola accepts donations by mail of better clothing and then resells to benefit a number of charities and schools, including the Malala Fund. Contact them for a pre-paid donation bag. www.schoola.com

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

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 \$50. They also pick up through-the-wall or window air conditioners, but with no payment. www.savingscentral.com/fridge-freezer

Antiques, Artwork, Better Household Items (See box 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

Rinaldi Auctions will remove the entire contents of a house, or just those items you specify, for sale or consignment. www.rinaldiauctions.co 485-5252

Finisher's Touch, Wappingers Falls, buys & sells antiques and collectibles. thefinisherstouch.net, 298-8882

Electronics, 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 "recycle your old products".

Other

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 accept donations and to see what they might need:

Grace Smith House typically accepts personal care products

Hudson River Housing, 313 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, 454-5176, typically accepts personal care items, cleaning supplies

Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie, 10 Children’s Way, Poughkeepsie, 452-1420

Immanuel; Church, 253 Myers Corners Rd, Wappingers Falls, 297-3409

New Beginnings Church, 35 DeGarmo Rd., Poughkeepsie, 454-2580

Beulah Baptist Church, 473-1662, 92 Catharine St., Poughkeepsie

<p style="text-align: center;">Notes from auction professional and AAUW member, Sue Doyle:</p> <p>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.</p>
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