New Life for Old Stuff

Cleaning Out? Use this resource list for donating & recycling.
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NOTE: Please call ahead to see if your donations will be acceptable because needs and storage situations can change. Phone numbers are included. Generally, donations should be in the “gently used” category.

Books, CDs, DVDs, & Audiobooks on CD

- Libraries
  * For book sales if excellent to good condition.
    - Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library
      - https://cphlibrary.org/
- Local Transfer Stations or Recycling Centers
  * For books that are damaged, dirty, or moldy.
    - Clifton Park Transfer Station
      * The Recycling Center at the Transfer Station is free and open to anyone.
      - 217 Vischer Ferry Rd., Rexford, NY
      - (518) 371-6669
    - For additional transfer stations see “Electronics” category below.
- See category “Clothing (Good), Household Items, & More” below.

Building Supplies & More

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
  * The Habitat for Humanity ReStore accepts donated new and used building materials, furniture, appliances, lighting fixtures and other home goods, and they sell them in our stores to raise money for Habitat home-building projects.
    - 70 Fuller Rd., Albany, NY 12205
    - (518) 275-6638
    - www.habitatcd.org

Clothing (Good), Household Items, & More

- CAPTAIN's Treasures
  * The sales proceeds from CAPTAIN's Treasures help to support CAPTAIN CHS's programs and services.
    - 1705 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065
    - (518) 383-1788
    - www.captaincares.org/about_us
**Treasure Chest Thrift Store**

*Sales support the Damien Center which is a resource center designed to improve health, reduce stress and increase the quality of life in a supportive atmosphere for individuals and families living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. As a membership-based organization they provide programs and services, free-of-charge, in a welcoming and culturally diverse environment.*

- 295 Hamilton St., Albany
- (518) 436-7451
- [www.albanydamiencenter.org/treasure-chest.html](http://www.albanydamiencenter.org/treasure-chest.html)

**Northern Rivers**

*The parent organization to Parsons Child & Family Center (founded in 1829) and Northeast Parent & Child Society (founded in 1888). They provide services for 16,000 children, adults, and families throughout 36 counties in New York State. Items are provided to children, adults and families free of charge. Donate new and gently used clothing, books, toys and house wares.*

- 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208
- (518) 426-2600
- [www.neparentchild.org](http://www.neparentchild.org)
- There are additional locations throughout the Capital District.

**Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless**

*“Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) builds stronger communities. We empower individuals and families who are homeless or facing homelessness, giving them the tools to be self-sufficient.”*

- 176 Sheridan Ave., Albany, NY 12210
- (518) 434-8021
- [www.interfaithpartnership.com](http://www.interfaithpartnership.com)

**U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)**

*“...We open doors for uprooted people, helping the world’s most vulnerable rebuild their lives. We are part of a nationwide network that breaks through social, cultural, and economic barriers so previously interrupted lives can flourish.” If you are interested in donating (or hosting a donation drive), please first contact their field office to see if they are at capacity.*

- 99 Pine St, Suite 101, Albany, NY 12207
- (518) 459-1790
- [info@uscri-albany.org](mailto:info@uscri-albany.org)

**Unity House, “ReStyle”**

- 2431 Sixth Avenue, Troy, NY
- (518) 274-2607
- [www.unityhouse.org](http://www.unityhouse.org)

**Salvation Army**

*In addition to below, there are collection boxes throughout the area.*

- 350 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham NY 12110
  - (518) 783-7120
  - *Best drop-off location (weather protected)*
- 1757 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065
  - (518) 373-5880
- 2145 Central Ave, Colonie, NY
- (518) 346-0205
  - 410 River St., Troy, NY 12180
    - (518) 272-4901
    - www.salvationarmy.org
- **City Mission of Schenectady**
  - 416 Saratoga Rd, Glenville, NY 12302
    - (518) 399-0917
    - Drop Off/Distribution center: 11 Cheltingham Ave, Rotterdam NY 12306
      - (518) 346-2275
- **Capital City Rescue Mission**
  *Most Needed Items: Toiletries, underwear/socks for men, women, children (new preferred), men’s footwear, seasonal clothing, children’s clothing (infant/toddler – size 20), small appliances in good working condition.*
  - Drop-off location: 127 Arch St, Albany, NY 12202
  - Contact: 259 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202
  - (518) 462-0459
  - givinghope@albanymission.com
- **Goodwill**
  - 1 Fuller Rd, Albany, NY 12205
    - (518) 459-5580
  - 720 Hoosick Rd, Troy, NY 12180
    - (518) 272-8451
  - 1400 Altamont Ave (Hannaford Plaza), Rotterdam, NY 12303
    - (518) 355-4265
- **Catholic Charities of Albany**
  - (518) 453-6650
  - www.ccrcda.org
- **Plato’s Closet**
  *A for-profit business that buys and sells used clothing.*
  - 818 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206
    - (518) 459-3104
  - 400 Clifton Corporate Parkway, Clifton Park, NY 12065
    - (518) 280-4807

**Clothing, Shoes, Backpacks, All Textiles (that are NOT reusable)**

*Find a drop-off location near you at [www.nysar3.org/textile_recovery_locations.php](http://www.nysar3.org/textile_recovery_locations.php)*

- **City Mission of Schenectady (see above)**
  *Collection boxes are throughout the area. They recycle all textile items that are not sellable—stained, ripped, etc., but are clean, dry, and odorless—providing job skill training for their residents and revenue to help support the ministries of City Mission.*
- **Salvation Army (see above)**
- **St. Pauly Textile**
- Shenendehowa United Methodist Church
  - 971 Rt. 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065
- Speigletown Fire Department
  - 146 Speigletown Road, Troy, NY
- www.stpaultextile.com
- ECOS
  - Jewish Community Center of Schenectady
    - 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309
- Rock Solid Provisions
  - Sunoco
    - 1430 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY 12065
  - www.rocksolidcharity.com
- Also see “Wool (100%) & Pantyhose” category below.

Craft Supplies

- Her Treasure Box
  A unique thrift shop selling fabric, yarn, craft and art supplies. They are a nonprofit organization committed to bringing awareness of human trafficking in the Capital District. The shop is totally run with volunteers and the generosity of donated goods. Their goal is to provide safe housing and comprehensive services free of charge for two years for adult woman survivors of sexual exploitation, prostitution and addiction.
  - 1775 Van Vranken Ave, Schenectady, NY 12308
  - (518) 937-3976
  - www.eyeswideopenneny.org
- Boys and Girls Clubs (see below “School Supplies, Toys, Etc.”)

Electronics

Some fees and restrictions may apply. Call ahead.
FOr a list by zip code: www.ewaste.com/drop-off

- eLot Recycling Inc.
  eLot is a full service recycling company focused on the recycling, de-manufacturing, refurbishing of computers and electronics while also properly recycling all types of mercury lamps and bulbs throughout the United States. We are the total electronics, lamps and bulbs recycling solution for the business, residential, and municipal communities. eLot offers pick up and drop off services as well as data destruction.
  - 64 Hannay Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077
  - (518) 266-9385
  - (855) 253-9027
  - www.elotrecycling.com
- Clifton Park Transfer Station
  - 217 Vischer Ferry Rd, Rexford, NY 12148
- **Town of Niskayuna Transfer Station**
  - 255 River Rd, Niskayuna, NY 12309
  - (518) 377-1400

- **County Waste Troy Transfer Station**
  - 83 Water ST, Troy, NY 10180

- **Town of East Greenbush**
  - Ridge Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061

- **Hippo’s Home Entertainment**
  - 1475 Western Ave #57, Albany, NY 12203
  - (518) 482-1864
  - www.hipposonline.com

- **Swappa**
  *Swappa is a company that allows users to buy and sell used, undamaged, and fully functional cell phones, laptops, video games and consoles, cameras, tablets, watches, and all sorts of home tech—speakers, vacuums, thermostats, etc.*
  - www.swappa.com

- **Cell Phone Fix-er**
  *Cell Phone Fix-er repairs, buys, and sells cell phones.*
  - 22 Clifton Country Rd, Ste 46, Clifton Park NY 12065
  - (518) 371-7000
  - www.cellphonefixny.com

### Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids

- **Albany & Troy Lions Club**
  *There are numerous drop-off sites in the area. Check with your service providers.*
  - PO Box 192, Troy, NY 12181-0192
  - (518) 512-2722
  - info@albanytroylions.org

### Food

- **Regional Food Bank**
  - 965 Albany-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110
  - (518) 786-3691

- **Hunger Action Network in NYS**
  - 275 State Street, 4th Floor, Albany, NY 12210
  - (518) 434-7371
  - info@hungeractionnys.org

- **Northern Rivers**
  *They accept non-perishable food items.*
Furniture

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
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  - (518) 275-6638
  - [www.habitatcd.org](http://www.habitatcd.org)

- HATAS Capital Region Furniture Bank
  They will pick up donations! Their mission is to provide free, basic furnishings for households emerging from homeless shelters and domestic violence.
  - 138 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206
  - (518) 463-2124 – HATAS
  - (518) 612-2265 – Furniture Bank
  - [www.hatas.org](http://www.hatas.org)

- Schenectady Home Furnishings Program, Inc.
  This program provides household furnishings in excellent usable condition to people and families in need residing in Schenectady County. At no charge to the donor or the recipient, they pick up and deliver donated furniture.
  - 603 State St. Schenectady, NY, 12305
  - (518) 346-2444
  - [www.schenectadyhomefurnishings.org](http://www.schenectadyhomefurnishings.org)

- Troy Area United Ministries Furniture Program (TAUM)
  Provides good, used furniture, free of charge, to families in need, including the working poor, women and their dependent children fleeing domestic violence, families leaving homeless shelters, persons with disabilities and the elderly poor. We are in desperate need of beds (any size), dressers, tables and chairs.
  - 392 2nd St, Troy, NY 12180
  - (518) 274-5920
  - [www.taum.org](http://www.taum.org)

Lightbulbs
CFLs and others that contain mercury.

- Lowes Home Improvement Stores
- Home Depot Stores
Medications

- **New York State Medication Drop Box Program**
  Unused medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink can enter the water supply. Low levels of various drugs have been found in local waterways and fish and other wildlife are being harmed. There is also concern that drug-resistant bacteria in the water may develop because of long-term exposure to low levels of antibiotics. Additionally, studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. To help address these problems, the New York State Department of Health has established a permanent medication drop box program through the state, county, and local law enforcement agencies. They accept prescription medications, medicated ointments, over-the-counter medications, and inhalers. Put items in a plastic bag before donating. They do not accept hazardous materials, household wastes, or needles.
  - NYS Troopers Troop G Latham: 760 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110
  - To locate other troopers locations: [www.troopers.ny.gov/Public_Information/Medication_Drop_Box_Locations.pdf](http://www.troopers.ny.gov/Public_Information/Medication_Drop_Box_Locations.pdf)
  - To locate drugstores by zip code: [www.disposeymeds.org/medicine-disposal-locator](http://www.disposeymeds.org/medicine-disposal-locator)
  - CVS Drugstore: 839 Rt. 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Packaging Materials

- **The UPS Stores**
  - 5 Southside Dr, Clifton Park, NY 12065
    - (518) 373-5848
  - 911 Central Ave Westgate Plaza, Albany, NY 12206
    - (518) 458-8181
  - 1737 Union St, Schenectady, NY 12309
    - (518) 372-9644
  - 740 Hoosick Rd, Troy, New York 12180
    - (518) 244-8899

Pet Supplies

- **Benson’s Pet Centers**
  They have collection boxes at store locations and donate to various area shelters.
  - 197 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205
    - (518) 435-1738
  - 12 Fire Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065
    - (518) 373-1007
  - 3083 Route 50, Wilton, NY 12866
    - (518) 584-7777
Plastic Bags/Film

Find information about plastic film (such as plastic bags) recycling and a drop-off location near you at www.plasticfilmrecycling.org

- Hannaford Supermarkets
- Lowe’s Home Improvement Stores
- CVS Drug Stores
- Target
- Market 32

School Supplies, Toys, Etc.

Some of the organizations listed in Clothing (Good), Household Items, & More may also accept these items.

- Boys and Girls Clubs
  “Our purpose: “To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.”
  - Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany
    - 21 Delaware Avenue, Albany, New York, 12210
    - (518) 462-5528
    - www.bgcalbany.com
  - Boys and Girls Club of Troy
    - 1700 7th Ave, Troy, New York 12180
    - (518) 274-3781
    - www.bgctroy.org
  - Steinmetz Boys & Girls Club
    - 118 Emmons Street, Schenectady, New York 12304
    - (518) 374-4714
    - www.bgcschenectady.org
  - Rotterdam Boys & Girls Club
    - 721 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12306
    - (518) 355-7440
    - www.bgcschenectady.org
  - Yates Village Boys & Girls Club
    - 2400 Van Vranken Ave. Apt. E-37, Schenectady, NY 12308
    - (518) 372-3583
    - www.bgcschenectady.org

- Northern Rivers (see above “Food’’
Sports Equipment

- Boys and Girls Clubs (see above)
- Play it Again Sports
  
  A for-profit business which buys and sells used sports equipment.
  
  - 952 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110
  - (518) 785-6587
  - www.playitagainsports.com/latham

Toiletries / Personal Items
New or gently used.

- Capital City Rescue Mission (see above “Clothing (Good) & Household Items”)

Wool (100%) & Pantyhose

- Autism Society’s Live-Work-Learn Project
  Live Work Learn is an incubator project of the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region. They develop new small business models that utilize the unique skills and strengths of people with autism, while supporting the social, emotional, and communication needs of the individual in the workplace. They accept any condition 100% wool—blankets, clothing, pantyhose, knee-highs, and tights.

  - Contact Joyce at (518) 461-5453 for Schenectady or Cohoes drop-off locations or an arranged meeting place.
  - www.facebook.com/asgcr.liveworklearn

Additional Resources

- Earth911.com
  Search by zip code for recycling locations.

  - www.earth911.com

  and more resources...

Book - Drawdown: The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming

  www.drawdown.org/solutions

National - National Resources Defense Fund  www.nrdc.org ;
  Sierra Club  www.sierraclub.org ; 350.org https://350.org/

New York State - NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  https://www.dec.ny.gov ;
  Environmental Advocates of New York  www.eany.org ;