



# How to Recycle your CRAP

(Clutter that Robs  
Anyone of Pleasure)

**Green Organizing** emphasizes the environmentally-friendly principles of “**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose, and Remix**”. When you are ready to let go of your CRAP: **Donate, Barter, Sell or Recycle.**

**DONATE: Clothing, home décor, books, housewares, building materials, food, etc. Ask for a tax receipt from non-profits:**

- Animal Shelters
- Food Banks, Church Pantries, Shelters
- Habitat for Humanity ReStores
- Libraries (Community or Public)
- Local Churches
- Local Homeless Shelters
- Thrift Stores: Goodwill, Salvation Army, Hope Rescue Mission, etc.
- Used Furniture Stores
- Women’s Shelters/Centers

**Google or Yellow Pages: thrift stores, non-profit, shelters**

**BARTER: Do it the old-fashioned way and barter.**

- Bitch ‘n Swap: Invite friends over with their “unwanted, but cool” clothing, accessories, and home décor. Exchange items, add conversation and drinks. Donate leftovers to charity.
- Corporate Barter Network: If you own a business, you can barter services or merchandise.
- Freecycle.org: Post unwanted items and request needed items for free.

**Google or Yellow Pages: barter, Freecycle**

**SELL: Sell your items or get credit.**

- Auction Houses: Have a lot of items taken away at once. Receive cash or wait for the sale.
- Consignment, Thrift and Resale Shops: Receive credit or cash for items.
- Craigslist.org: Free local, online ads available.
- Ebay.com: Sell on ebay or have an ebay trading assistant sell for you.
- Local Merchandise Ads: List items for sale in your local papers.
- Reputable Jeweler: Take your gold, silver, platinum, coins, watches, etc. and get cash.
- Social Media: Tell your friends!

- Metal Recycler: Take all types of metal to a local recycler and get cash.

**Google or Yellow Pages: consignment, thrift, Craig’s List, auctions, ebay trading assistant, metal recycling**

**RECYCLE: Recycle anything. Don’t add to landfills!**

- Batteries: Dependent upon type of battery, regular trash or hazardous waste collection.
- Cell Phones: Local Shelters, Women’s Centers, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Agencies, or Best Buy
- Computer Monitors and Equipment: Best Buy or county/city locations. Other suggestions: [dell.com/recycling](http://dell.com/recycling), [hp.com/recycle](http://hp.com/recycle), [apple.com/recycling](http://apple.com/recycling).
- Fluorescent Light bulbs: Hazardous waste
- Hazardous Waste: Includes oil-based paint, pesticides, automotive liquids, garden and pool chemicals, household chemicals and cleaners. Take to a hazardous waste collection site.
- Latex Paint: Uncover and dry out (or use cat litter) and discard in regular trash.
- Paper/Shredding: Local trash collection or drop-off center. Shred at home, take to a shredding facility, office supplies store or Goodwill.
- Pharmaceuticals (expired): Mailer from pharmacy or deposit at local police stations.
- Pharmaceuticals (unexpired): Send to C.U.R.E., c/o Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
- Plastic: Local trash collection or drop-off center
- Prescription Glasses: Lion’s Clubs drop-offs at banks, stores, pharmacies, or eye glass stores
- Printer Cartridges: Cartridge World will refill or take to an office supply store for credit
- Shoes: Soles4Souls.org or thrift stores
- Televisions and Electronics: Local recyclers take televisions and computer monitors; Best Buy only recycles items that connect to a computer
- Tires: Local reputable recycler
- Towels & blankets: animal shelters and pet stores
- Everything Else: [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)

**Google or Yellow Pages: recycle appliances, air conditioners, metal, tires, batteries, hazardous waste**

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