



Recycle Your CRAP 101

Green Organizing emphasizes the environmentally friendly principles of “**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose, and Remix**”. When you are ready to let go of your CRAP (Clutter that Robs Anyone of Pleasure): **Donate, Barter, Sell or Recycle**. Let’s break it down:

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

- [Animal Shelters](#)
- [Food Banks and Church Pantries](#)-Donate working appliances
- [Habitat for Humanity ReStores](#)
- [Libraries \(Community or Public\)](#)
- [Local Churches](#)
- [Local Homeless Shelters](#)
- [Non-Profit Agencies](#): Purple Heart, Look on non-profit websites for “wish lists” of needs
- [Thrift Stores](#): Goodwill, Hope Rescue Mission, Jubilee Ministries, Opportunity House, ReUzit Stores, Salvation Army, etc.
- [Women’s and Children’s Shelters/Centers](#)

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.
- [Barter Network](#): If you own a business, you can barter services or merchandise.
- [Freecycle.org](#): Post unwanted items and request needed items for free.

SELL: Sell your items or get credit.

- [Apps/Websites](#): Cell60, Gazelle, Letgo, Mercari, Offerup, Poshmark, ThredUp and more
- [Auctioneers and Auction Houses](#): Have a lot of furniture and other items taken away at once, receive cash up front or wait for the sale.
- [Consignment, Thrift and Resale Shops](#): Receive credit or cash for items.
- [Craigslist.org](#): Free, local, online ads
- [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 on Facebook Marketplace or neighborhood websites

- [Metal Recycler](#): Local recycler for cash

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

- [Batteries](#): Regular alkaline-trash it; rechargeable or lithium-hazardous waste facility
- [Books](#): Visit [booksforsoldiers.com](#) and [operationpaperback.org](#)
- [Cell Phones \(working\)](#): local shelters, women’s centers, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Agencies or visit [cellphonesforsoldiers.com](#) and [medicmobile.org](#)
- [Cell Phones \(not working\)](#): Best Buy
- [Computers and Electronic Equipment \(not working\)](#): Google electronics recycling. Look for county-wide collections
- [Fluorescent Light bulbs](#): Hazardous waste
- [Hazardous Waste](#): Includes oil-based paint, pesticides, automotive liquids, garden and pool chemicals, household chemicals and cleaners. Look for county-wide collections
- [Hearing Aids](#): Visit [lionsclubs.org](#), [starkeyhearingfoundation.org](#), and [hearingaiddonations.org](#)
- [Laptops \(working\)](#): Visit [globetops.com](#) and [cristina.org](#)
- [Latex Paint](#): Uncover and dry out (or use cat litter) and discard in regular trash.
- [Musical Instruments](#): Visit [hungryformusic.org](#) and [guitars4vets.org](#)
- [Paper/Shredding](#): Local trash collection or drop-off center. Shred at home or a shredding facility
- [Pharmaceuticals \(expired\)](#): Deposit at local police stations or purchase mailer from pharmacy
- [Pharmaceuticals \(unexpired\)](#): Visit [ProjectCure.org](#) and [med-eq.org](#).
- [Plastic](#): Local trash collection or County Recycling Centers
- [Prescription Glasses](#): Lion’s Clubs drop-offs at banks, stores, pharmacies, or eye glass stores
- [Printer Cartridges](#): Cartridge World or office supply stores for credit
- [Shoes](#): Visit [Soles4Souls.org](#) and [oneworldrunning.com](#)
- [Televisions](#): Google TV recycling
- [Tires](#): Google tire recycling
- [Towels, blankets, old linens, animal food, newspapers](#): animal shelters and pet stores
- [Wedding/Formal Wear](#): Visit [beccascloset.org](#) and [bridesacrossamerica.com](#)
- [Everything Else](#): [Earth911.org](#)

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