

County of San Mateo

RE-USE GUIDE

Where to Donate Unwanted Items



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
RECYCLEWORKS

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| RecycleWorks Online ReUse Center www.recycleworks.org/reuse_center.html See Notes | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | www.freecycle.org www.communitywishlist.org www.craigslist.org | | www.RecycleWorks.org/reuse_center.html offers information on reuse resources in San Mateo County. | |
| BOOKS for the BARRIOS 2350 Whitman Rd., Suite D Concord 925-687-7701 www.booksforthebarrios.org | | | X* | | X* | | | | | | | | Educational materials, art & school supplies, soccer & baseball equipment | Books: children's books only. No library discards, no US history or foreign language books. Accepts toys, games and puzzles. Computer equipment: No Macs; Pentium III or better. | | Books for the Barrios collects educational learning aids and devices from schools, publishers and school children in the United States and delivers them to public schools in remote areas of the Philippines. | X |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula Menlo Park 650-646-6126 www.bgcp.org | | | X | | X* | | | | | | | | Art & school supplies, sports equipment* | Computer Equipment: Pentium III or better. Sports Equipment: small items, basketballs, etc. | X | To give the youth in our community the attitudes and life skills they need to thrive. | X |
| Bridge to Asia Stanford University Bookstore (At Customer Service desk by the entrance) 519 Lasuen Mall Stanford 415-678-2990 www.bridge.org/books.html | | | X | | | | | | | | | | | Accepts only college-level books and above. Put books in a box and tightly tape shut. Call with questions. | | Bridge to Asia serves university libraries in Asia and aids higher education in developing countries. | X |
| CALL Primrose Center 139 Primrose Rd. Burlingame 650-342-2255 www.callprimrose.org | | | X | | | | X* | | | | | | Toiletries | Food: accepts home-grown produce, canned and packaged food. | | CALL Primrose Center faithfully assists those in need on a path towards self-sufficiency. | X |

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| Career Closet 1163 Chess Dr., Suite A Foster City 650-572-1368 www.careercloset.org | | | | X* | | | | | | | | | Shoes, costume jewelry, bras, purses | Women's interview and career clothing only. Must be clean, pressed and on hangers. | | The Career Closet empowers economically disadvantaged women by providing suitable clothing and other services to ensure success in gaining and retaining employment. | X |
| Center for the Independence of the Disabled 1515 S. El Camino Real San Mateo 650-645-1780 x 115 www.cidсанmateo.org | | | | | | | | | | | X | | | Walkers, crutches, canes, electric scooters and power wheelchairs in working condition. | | CID aims to increase the social, educational, and economic participation of persons with disabilities in San Mateo County. | X |
| Computer Recycling Center 370 West Caribbean Dr. Sunnyvale 1-888-8USEDPC (1-888-887-3372) www.crc.org | | | | | X | X* | | | | | | | | Electronics: working or not except kitchen & bathroom appliances. See website for fees. *Large quantity pick up available for businesses. | X* | The Computer Recycling Center's mission is to "Reuse the best and recycle the rest." | X |
| Ecumenical Hunger Program East Palo Alto 650-323-7781 www.ehpcare.org | X* | X | X | X | X* | X | X* | X* | X | X | | X | Toys, children & infant items | Large Appliances: less than 8 years old. Computer equipment: less than 5 years old. Furniture: no tears, scratches, stains, or office furniture. Food: Fresh or unopened. *Picks up from Sunnyvale to San Mateo. | X* | The Ecumenical Hunger Program works with families to eliminate their hunger and to break the cycle of poverty. | X |
| Family Connections Redwood City, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto Locations 650-556-9503 www.FamilyConnections.org | | | X* | | | | | | | | | | | Preschool children's books and toys. | X* | Family Connections is a free preschool that helps low-income parents become involved in their children's education and helps prevent violence in families. | X |
| Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin Counties Multiple locations- call 1-888-4-GOODWILL or see www.sfgoodwill.org | | X | X* | X | X | X* | | X | X* | | | | Textbooks | Electronics: Computer and stereo equipment, TVs. Books: No encyclopedias or magazines. Household items: CDs, DVDs, & records; phones, including cell phones. Can drop off at stores and donation centers. | | Goodwill Industries is an autonomous not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to creating solutions to poverty. | X |

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| Home & Hope Burlingame 650-652-1103 www.homeandhope.net | | | | X | | | X | | X | | | | Baby Supplies | Call regarding donation arrangements. | | To engage the interfaith community in helping homeless families regain and sustain independence. | X | |
| Human Services Agency of San Mateo County Children's Fund Redwood City 650-599-3808 www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/ childrensfund | X | X | X | X | X* | X | X | X | X | X | X* | X | Baby equipment, bikes, strollers, & cribs. | Computer equipment: 5 years old or less. Medical: wheelchairs. For large size donations, call first. *Large quantity pick-up available, excluding appliances & furniture. Prefers drop-off donations; locations at Belmont & Redwood City. | X* | The Human Services Agency strives to promote self- sufficiency, increase family strength and stability, and improve community health. | X | |
| InnVision Opportunity Services Center Clothes Closet 33 Encina Ave. Palo Alto 650-853-8672 x201 www.innvision.org | | | | X* | | | | | | | | | Toiletries, sleeping bags | Clothing: includes coats, gloves, hats, scarves & shoes. Drop off at 33 Encina Avenue, Palo Alto, M-F 8 am- 4 pm. | | InnVision provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling to homeless and at-risk people in the Mid- Peninsula. | X | |
| InnVision Urban Ministry Food Closet 425 Hamilton Ave. Palo Alto 650-325-3663 www.innvision.org | | | | | | | X | | | | | | | | | Distributes bags of groceries to qualified homeless and low-income clients. | X | |
| Latino Commission/Entre Familia South San Francisco 650-244-1444 www.thelatinocommission.org | X* | | | | | | | X* | X | X* | | | | Appliances: washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers only; less than 5 years old. Furniture: couches, chairs, dressers, small pieces. No large furniture. Mattresses: twin size only. | X | Nonprofit administering five residential homes primarily for Latino men and women with alcohol and drug problems. | X | |
| Our Common Ground Redwood City (650) 364-7988 www.ocgworks.org | X* | | X | | | | X* | | | | | | Baby and children's items | Appliances: washers & dryers only. Food: sealed, dry or canned. Furniture: chests of drawers & nightstands. | X | Organization provides a treatment program for adolescents and adults with substance abuse addiction and mental health problems. | X | |
| Parca Burlingame 1-877-997-2722 www.parca.org | | X | X* | X | | X* | | | X | | | | X | Bicycles | Books: paperback only. Please call for pick up. Electronics: stereo equipment, TVs 13 in. & smaller. | X | Parca provides quality programs, services and advocacy to people with developmental disabilities and their families. | X |

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| Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA San Mateo 650-340-7022 x 389 www.peninsulahumanesociety.org | | | X | X | X | X | | X | X | | | X | Various household goods, pet supplies, and items for animal care. | Newspapers, blankets and towels are accepted for pet care. | | The PHS/SPCA, a private non-profit organization guided by the humane ethic, builds healthy relationships between people and animals. | X |
| Project 90 San Mateo 650-333-8574 www.projectninet.org | X | X | | X* | | X* | | X* | | | | | | Clothing: men's and women's only; no clothing with advertisements. Electronics: TVs & VCRs. Furniture: sofas & loveseats. | X | Project 90 is a premier human services organization meeting the needs of individuals, families, and the community through alcohol and drug recovery services. | X |
| Puente de la Costa Sur Pescadero 650-879-1691 www.puentedelacostasur.org | X | X* | | | | | | X* | | | | | Bikes, blankets. | Small appliances: Small TVs, microwaves. Furniture: small tables, cribs, strollers, cradles. Please call before donating or delivering. | | The organization provides access for men, women, and children on the South Coast to safety net services, health and wellness services, leadership development, and community action. | X |
| Reading Partners 570 El Camino Real #150-458 Redwood City 510-444-9800 www.readingpartners.org | | | X* | | X* | | | | | | | | | Computers: must be Mac compatible. Books: Reading books only for kindergarten-4th grade levels. *May be available for large book donations only. | X* | Reading Partners recruits and trains community volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring to struggling students in partnership with local schools. | X |
| Rebuilding Together Peninsula Redwood City 650-366-6597 www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org | X* | | | | | | | | | | | | Accepts certain household items in <i>like new</i> condition, including carpeting and electrical fixtures. | Appliances: 3 years old or less. Call ahead to see if item is needed. *Prefers drop-off donations. | X* | Rebuilding Together Peninsula is a non-denominational organization that builds volunteer partnerships to rehabilitate homes and community facilities of low-income, elderly and/or disabled neighbors. | X |

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| St. Francis Center Redwood City 650-365-7829 www.stfrancisrwc.org | | X | | X* | | X | X* | X* | X | | | | Blankets, sheets, towels, child car seats | Clothing: casual & barely used: includes baby & children's clothing. Furniture: small pieces; Food: Non perishable food within the expiration date and fresh produce. | | St. Francis Center helps needy families in the Redwood City area. | X |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society Locations in Daly City, South San Francisco, San Mateo & Redwood City 650-871-6844 | X* | X | X | X | X* | X | | X | X | | | | Sleeping bags, bicycles (all sizes) | Appliances: frost-free refrigerators only; must be plugged in for 24 hours. Computers: computers & computer components. Other items: no tears or stains, or items needing repairs. | X | St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance to both families and individuals in need in San Mateo County. Donated items provided without charge to needy families. | X |
| The Salvation Army 1-800-958-7825 www.satruck.com | X | X | X | X | X | X | X* | X | X | X | X | | | *Call 650-266-4591 for Food only | X | The Salvation Army meets human needs in providing a hand to mankind. | X |
| Samaritan House San Mateo 341-4081 www.samaritanhouse.com | | | | X* | | | X* | | | | | | Baby supplies, toiletries, blankets, children's & adult bicycles | Clothing: infants-teens gently used clothing. Food: non-perishable food. | | Samaritan House provides a broad range of services dedicated to meeting the needs of low-income residents within San Mateo County. | X |
| Senior Coastsiders Next-to-New Thrift Store 515 Kelly Avenue Half Moon Bay 650-726-6543 www.SeniorCoastsiders.org | | | X | X | | | | X* | X | | | | Bicycles, jewelry | Furniture: non-upholstered, small pieces only. Call first. Closed Tues & Wed. Open: Mon, Th, Fri, Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 12-4 pm. | | All proceeds support seniors on the coastside. | X |
| Shelter Network 1450 Chapin Ave., 2nd Floor Burlingame Other drop-off locations in Daly City & San Mateo. 650-685-5880 x 114 www.shelternetwork.org | | X | | X | X* | X* | X | X* | X | | | X | Toiletries, linens, baby supplies, pots, pans, dishware, silverware | Electronics: TVs: 24"-32," less than 5 years old. Computer equipment: must be working equipment 2 years old or less. No Macs, PCs only; must be able to use Windows 98. *Furniture only: picked up | | Shelter Network is a nonprofit organization which provides housing and services for homeless families and individuals in San Mateo County. | X |
| The Shop: A Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula Fund Raiser 785 Santa Cruz Ave. Menlo Park 650-328-7467 www.thejuniorleague.org | | | X* | X | | | | X* | X | | | X | Accessories, shoes, jewelry, CDs, DVDs | Books: current bestsellers and cookbooks. Furniture: Please call for authorization. No office or melamine furniture. Donations accepted T-Sat, 10 am to 5 pm. Shop Hours: M-Sat 10 am - 5 pm. | | The Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula, Inc. is an organization committed to developing the potential of women, and improving communities through trained volunteers. | X |

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| South Coast Children's Services Pescadero Thrift Shop 2041 Pescadero Creek Rd. Pescadero 650-879-9613 www.southcoastchildren.org | | X | X* | X | | X* | | | X | | | | Jewelry | Electronics: No TVs, fax machines, printers or microwaves. Books: no textbooks or outdated computer manuals. | | To provide educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for the young people of the south coast of San Mateo County. | X | | |
| Spring Street Shelter Redwood City 365-5772 x2 www.mhasmc.org | | X | | X* | X* | X | X | | X | | | | Toiletries | Clothing: adults only. Computer Equipment: 5 years old or less. Please call before donating. | | The Shelter is part of The Mental Health Association of San Mateo County (MHA), which works to improve the quality of life for people in our community who suffer from mental illness. | X | | |
| Uhuru Furniture & Collectibles Oakland 510-763-3342 www.apedf.org | X* | X | X | | | X* | | X | X | | | | Hot tubs, pianos, collectibles, estates | Appliances: Please call for details on large appliances. No stoves. Electronics: DVD players, stereo equipment & VCRs | X | Uhuru Furniture and Collectibles is a nonprofit fundraising institution of the African People's Education and Defense Fund, Inc. in support of economic development, education and health in the black community. | X | | |
| Vida-USA 6251 Hollis St. Emeryville 510-655-8432 www.vidausa.org | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X* | | Hospital beds, crutches, wheelchairs, medical supplies, etc. Drop-off permitted; organization picks up large amounts of materials. | X | Vida-USA provides assistance to health institutions and development projects that support people in need in Latin America. | X |
| Women's Recovery Association 650-348-6603 www.womensrecovery.org | | X | | X | | | | X* | X | | | X | Art supplies, costume jewelry and office supplies | Furniture: Not stained or torn. Call or e-mail before making donations. | | The Women's Recovery Association assists women, girls and their families in recovering from chemical dependency and its secondary effects. | X | | |

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Additional Resources

Bikes

The following places fix up old bikes for resale or donation:

The Bike Hut
San Francisco
415-543-4335
www.thebikehut.com

Cardinal Bicycle Shop
Palo Alto
650-328-8900
www.cardinalbikes.com

Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange
Mountain View
Accepts bikes on select Saturdays of each month.
bikesiliconvalley.org/programs/
bicycle-exchange
408-255-3767
bikedonations@bikesiliconvalley.org

Pedal Revolution
San Francisco, 415-641-1264
www.pedalrevolution.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society
various locations in San Mateo County.
650-871-6844.
Accepts working bikes only.

Senior Coastsiders
Half Moon Bay
650-726-6543
www.seniorcoastsiders.org

Books

Most public libraries will accept books in good condition for sale to benefit the library. Please contact your library to see what items they accept before delivering materials.

Cars and other vehicles

Accepts vehicles in any condition – may depend on year & make:

* Accepts other vehicles such as boats, RVs, etc.

***Abilities United**, 1-877-525-4483

***Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula**, 650-322-8065

***Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin Counties**, 415-575-2116

***Habitat for Humanity**, 1-877-277-4344

PARCA, 1-877-997-2722

***Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**, 650-340-7022 X389

St. Vincent De Paul Society, 1-800-937-7837

***The Salvation Army**, 415-850-8313

Accepts only vehicles in running condition:

***Auction City**, 650-367-7788

Project 90, 650-333-8574

***Uhuru Furniture & Collectibles**, 510-763-3342

Cell Phones

Drop-off cell phones at these transfer stations: Recology San Bruno, Blue Line (South San Francisco), and Recology of the Coast (Pacifica). In addition, cell phone retailers are required by law to take back phones for reuse or recycling.

Eyeglasses

Local Lions Clubs sponsor an eyeglass collection program, in which the glasses are re-used. Many optometry stores contain collection boxes for the eyeglasses.
www.lionsclubs.org

Miscellaneous Supplies for Art and School Projects

This organization accepts arts, crafts and unusual items for school education projects.

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching Redwood City
Call before donating
650-802-5505
www.raft.net

Packaging

Peanuts, Bubble Wrap, etc.

Ask your local packaging or shipping store if they will accept various packaging materials for reuse.

Pack and Mail, 1017 El Camino Real (located in Sequoia Station), Redwood City, 650-365-2892

Savvy Skirts, 270 Capistrano Rd. Suite 8, Half Moon Bay, 650-560-0142. Please bag peanuts, do not mix with any other material. Call or e-mail sheri@savvyskirts.com before dropping material off.

Strawflower Electronics, 160 San Mateo Rd., Suite E, Half Moon Bay, 650-726-8181

The UPS Store, local locations:
www.ups.com

Remodeling

Many building materials can be donated to salvage yards for reuse.

Whole House Building Supply
1000 S. Amphlett Blvd.
San Mateo
650 558-1400
www.driftwoods salvage.com

For additional options, visit the RecycleWorks database and search under the category "Green Building" and the subcategory "Salvage Yards."

Recycling and Reuse Information for Greater Bay Area

Alameda County: 1-877-786-7927;
www.stopwaste.org

Contra Costa County: 1-800-750-4096; www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle

Palo Alto: 650-496-5910 or visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/forms/recyclopedia/index.lasso

Santa Clara County: 1-800-533-8414;
www.recyclestuff.org

City and County of San Francisco: 415-554-7329; www.sfenvironment.org

Information

For recycling locations and information on other RecycleWorks programs, please contact us at:

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1-888-442-2666
info@RecycleWorks.org
www.RecycleWorks.org