

REUSE GUIDE

Where to Donate Unwanted Items in San Mateo County



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula 401 Pierce Rd. Menlo Park 650-646-6126 www.bgcp.org			X	X		X*						X	Art and school supplies, sports equipment*	Computer Equipment: Pentium III or better. Sports Equipment: small items, basketballs, etc.	X	The Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula's mission is to help the at-risk youth of our community develop the academic and life skills they need to complete high school to get ready for college or their career.	X
CALL Primrose Center 139 Primrose Rd. Burlingame 650-342-2255 www.callprimrose.org			X					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
Coastside Hope 99 Ave Alhambra #1089 El Granada 650-726-9071 coastsidehope.org		X*						X*						Baby Supplies and Food: Please call before donating.		Coastside Hope's mission is to offer basic life necessities with dignity and hope to mid-coast residents. Their guiding principle is "Necessities for today, Opportunities for tomorrow."	X
Ecumenical Hunger Program 2411 Pulgas Ave. East Palo Alto 650-323-7781 www.ehpcare.org	X*	X*	X		X	X*	X	X*	X*	X	X	X		Appliances: accepts small and large; large ones less than 8 years old. Baby Supplies: no expired car seats. Computer Equipment: should be in working order. Food: fresh or unopened. Furniture: no tears, scratches or stains. Pick 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*		X*									X*		Appliances: no large appliances. Books and toys: 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

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Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties Multiple locations. 1-415-575-2137 www.sfgoodwill.org	X*		X*	X	X	X	X*		X	X*		X	Textbooks, bicycles, surfboards, snowboards, wetsuits, skateboards	Appliances: no large appliances. Books: no encyclopedias or magazines. Electronics: computer and stereo equipment, TVs, etc. working or not. Household Items: CDs, DVDs, records, phones, including cell phones.		Goodwill Industries is an autonomous not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to creating solutions to poverty.	X
Habitat for Humanity 1411 Industrial Rd. San Carlos 650-847-4000 www.habitatgsf.org	X*			X					X	X			Doors, plumbing, cabinets, counter tops, windows, flooring, lumber, tools, hardware, tile, roofing, lighting fixtures, piping, new insulation	Appliances: less than 5 years old.	X	The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a volunteer-driven home improvement store that accepts and resells new and gently used building materials, appliances and furniture to the general public at a deep discount. All proceeds go toward buildings homes in San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula.	X
Home & Hope Burlingame 650-652-1103 www.homeandhope.net		X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		Call regarding donation arrangements.		Home & Hope engages the interfaith community in helping homeless families regain and sustain independence.	X
Human Services Agency of San Mateo County Children's Fund Belmont and San Carlos locations 650-802-5152 childrensfund.smcgov.org		X			X	X*						X	Bicycles	Computer Equipment: 5 years old or less and must be working.		The Human Services Agency strives to promote self-sufficiency, increase family strength and stability, and improve community health.	X
InnVision Shelter Network Menlo Park, Redwood City and San Mateo locations 650-458-2713 www.IVSN.org					X*						X		New toiletries, linens, bedding, towels	Clothing: includes coats, gloves, hats, scarves, shoes.		InnVision Shelter Network provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling to homeless and at-risk people in the Mid-Peninsula.	X

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Latino Commission/ Entre Familia Call first for drop off. South San Francisco 650-244-1444 www.thelatinocommission.org	X*				X*	X			X*	X	X*		Bedding	Appliances: washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers only; 5 years old or less. Clothing: mens only. Computer Equipment: 2 years old or less. Furniture: couches, dressers, small pieces. No large furniture. Mattresses: twin size only.	X	The Latino Commission/ Entre Familia is a nonprofit that administers five residential homes primarily for Latino men and women with alcohol and drug problems.	X
Palm Avenue Detox 2251 Palm Ave. San Mateo 650-513-6500 horizonservices.org					X			X					Sheets, blankets, towels, socks, non-alcoholic based hygienic products			Horizon Services' mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and the community affected by alcohol and drug abuse and mental health issues by providing compassionate, effective prevention, treatment and recovery services.	X
Parca See Savers for drop off location. Burlingame 1-877-997-2722 www.parca.org	X*			X*	X	X	X*			X			Bicycles, sporting goods	Appliances: no large appliances. Cars: cars only. Electronics: stereo equipment, TVs 29 inches and smaller.	X	Parca provides quality programs, services and advocacy to people with developmental disabilities and their families.	X
Peninsula Humane Society and SPCA 12 Airport Blvd. San Mateo 650-340-7022 x 389 www.peninsulahumanesociety.org								X*					Pet supplies, items for animal care*	Food: pet food, apples, berries, corn, hotdogs and creamy unopened peanut butter. Pet Supplies: newspapers, heating pads (nonautomatic shut off kind), blankets and towels are accepted for pet care.	X	The PHS/SPCA, a private non-profit organization guided by the humane ethic, builds healthy relationships between people and animals.	X
Pick of the Litter 1127 Chula Vista Ave Burlingame 650-344-1662 www.peninsulahumanesociety.org			X	X	X	X	X		X*	X			Holiday decorations	Furniture: call for approval. Pick Up: for large donations.	X	The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA operates Pick of the Litter resale store. All proceeds directly benefit the shelter animals at PHS/SPCA.	X

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Project 90 Pick up only. San Mateo 650-333-8574 www.projectninetynety.org	X*				X*		X*		X*				Vehicles in working order	Appliances: 5 years old or less. Clothing: men's and women's only; no clothing with advertisements. Electronics: TVs 5 years old or less. Furniture: sofas; no sleeper sofas, tears, stains or soil.	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 Call first to arrange donations. Pescadero 650-879-1691 www.puentedelacostasur.org	X*	X*	X		X	X			X*	X	X		Bikes, blankets	Appliances: no large appliances; accepts small TVs, microwaves. Baby supplies: no car seats. Furniture: small tables, cribs, strollers, cradles. Please call before donating or delivering.		Puerta de la Costa Sur 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
Rebuilding Together Peninsula Call first for drop off. Redwood City 650-366-6597 www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org	X*									X			Accepts certain household items in <i>like new</i> condition including carpeting, kitchen cabinets, electrical fixtures	Appliances: 3 years old or less. Call ahead to see if item is needed. Pick Up: 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
St. Francis Center 151 Buckingham Redwood City 650-365-7829 www.stfrancisrwc.org	X*	X	X*		X*	X	X	X*	X*	X		X	Blankets, sheets, towels, child car seats	Appliances: no large appliances. Books: children's only. Clothing: casual and barely used baby and children's clothing. Computers: 5 years old or less. Food: nonperishable food within the expiration date and fresh produce. Furniture: small pieces.		St. Francis Center helps needy families in the Redwood City area.	X
St. Vincent de Paul Society Daly City, South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City locations. 650-871-6844 svdp-sanmateoco.org	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. Cars: Cars only. Computers: computers and computer components. Furniture and 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

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The Salvation Army South San Francisco and San Bruno locations. 1-800-728-7825 www.satruck.com	X		X	X	X*				X	X	X	X		Clothing: Must have 10 or more bags for pick up.	X	The Salvation Army meets human needs in providing a hand to mankind.	X
Samaritan House 4031 Pacifica Blvd. San Mateo 650-341-4081 www.samaritanhouse sanmateo.org		X*			X*			X*				X*	Toiletries, blankets, children's and adult bicycles	Baby Supplies: no car seats. Clothing: infants-teens gently used clothing. Food: non-perishable food. Toys: New toys accepted October, November, and December only. Other: Call before donating.		Samaritan House provides a broad range of services dedicated to meeting the needs of low-income residents within San Mateo County.	X
Savers 875 Main St. Redwood City 650-364-5545 www.savers.com	X*	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	Sporting goods	Appliances: no large appliances. Pick up: see Parca for pick up.	X*	Savers is a Community Donation Center benefitting the nonprofits Parca and Hope Services. They also do their part for Planet Earth by giving goods a second life instead of one in a landfill.	X
Senior Coastsiders Thrift Store 515 Kelly Ave. Half Moon Bay 650-726-6543 www.SeniorCoastsiders.org			X*		X				X*	X			Bicycles, jewelry	Books: no school books, magazines or encyclopedias. Furniture: non-upholstered, small pieces only. Call first.		Senior Coastsiders supports seniors on the coastside.	X
Shelter Network 181 Constitution Dr. Menlo Park 650-685-5880 x 127	X*	X			X	X*	X*	X	X	X	X*	X	Accepts art materials for day care program, school supplies, basketballs, footballs, office supplies.	Appliances: no large appliances. Computers: must be working and compatible with current technology and 2 years old or less. Please call ahead. Electronics: TVs 24"-32" must be less than 5 years old and in good, working condition. Mattresses: twin, full or double.	X	Shelter Network is a nonprofit organization which provides housing and services for homeless families and individuals in San Mateo County.	X
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, collectibles	Appliances: no large appliances. Books: no textbooks or outdated computer manuals. Electronics: No TVs, fax machines, printers or microwaves.		South Coast Children's Services provides educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for the young people of the South Coast of San Mateo County.	X

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Spring Street Shelter 2686 Spring St. Redwood City 650-365-5772 x 2 www.mhasmc.org			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
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			Accessories, shoes, jewelry, CDs, DVDs	Books: current best sellers and cookbooks. Furniture: Please call for authorization. No office or melamine furniture.		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
United Cerebral Palsy Association 1060 El Camino Real San Carlos 650-593-1811	X*	X*		X	X	X*	X*		X				Bicycles, art supplies, sporting equipment, office supplies	Appliances: no large appliances. Baby supplies: car seats 5 years old or less; no drop down side cribs and must be in clean safe condition. Also accepts strollers and high chairs. Computers: your name and address are needed. Electronics: Items need to be in good working condition; no large TVs over 32 inches.	X	United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities.	X
Whole House Building Supply 29 Vista Ave. San Mateo 650-218-8596 www.driftwoods salvage.com													Redwood, doors, windows and other building materials	Deconstructs houses and holds sales all over the Peninsula. Call for details.	X	Whole House Building Supply diverts valuable resources from the landfill, and also supports the economic development of the City of East Palo Alto.	X

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Additional Resources

Bicycles

The following locations fix up old bicycles for resale or donation:

Cardinal Bicycle Shop

1955 El Camino Real
Palo Alto
650-328-8900
www.cardinalbikes.com

Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange

2566 Leghorn Street
Mountain View
1-408-255-3767
bikex.org

Woodside Bike Shop

1523 Woodside Road
Redwood City
650-299-1071
www.woodsidebikeshop.com

***Accept working bicycles only.**

Goodwill Industries*

Various locations.
1-415-575-2137
www.sfgoodwill.org

St. Vincent De Paul Society*

Various locations.
650-871-6844
svdp-sanmateoco.org

Savers*

875 Main Street
Redwood City
650-364-5545
www.savers.com

Senior Coastsiders*

925 Main Street
Half Moon Bay
650-726-6543
www.seniorcoastsiders.org

Cell Phones

Cell phone retailers are required by law to take back phones for reuse or recycling.

Eye Glasses

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

Medical Supplies

The following locations take walkers, crutches, canes, wheel chairs, electric scooters and power wheelchairs in working condition:

Center for the Independence of the Disabled

2001 Winward Way, Ste. 103
San Mateo
650-645-1780
www.cidсанmateo.org

The Salvation Army

South San Francisco and San Bruno locations.
1-800-728-7825
www.satruck.com

Savers

875 Main Street
Redwood City
650-364-5545
www.savers.com

Vida-USA

1519 Hollis Street
Emeryville
1-510-655-8432
www.vidausa.org
Also takes beds.

Miscellaneous Supplies for Art and School Projects

These organizations accept arts, crafts and unusual items for school education projects. Call before donating.

RAFT

1160 Kern Avenue
Sunnyvale
1-408-451-1420
www.raftbayarea.org

SCRAP - Scroungers' Center for Reusable Art Parts

801 Toland at Newcomb
San Francisco
1-415-647-1746
www.scrap-sf.org

Packaging (Peanuts and Bubble Wrap)

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

Pack and Mail Express

1017 El Camino Real (located in Sequoia Station)
Redwood City
650-365-2892
Call before dropping off materials.

Strawflower Electronics

160 San Mateo Road, Suite E
Half Moon Bay
650-726-8181
www.strawflowerelectronics.com

The UPS Store

Various locations. Peanuts only.
1-800-742-5877
www.ups.com

Nursery Pots

Go to www.recycleworks.org/compost/nurseries.

Remodeling Your Property

Donate building materials to salvage yards for reuse. See Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together Peninsula and Whole House Building Supply inside this guide. For more locations, visit the RecycleWorks database and search under the category "Green Building" and the subcategory "Salvage Yards."

Online Resources

www.craigslist.org

Provides free classifieds in an online platform for buying, selling, donating and trading used goods.

www.freecycle.org

Join a free email listserv within your geographic area where you can post items to donate and search for free items.

www.RecycleWorks.org

Online directory of where to donate or reuse items.

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

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

City and County of San Francisco:
1-415-355-3700; www.sfenvironment.org

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info@RecycleWorks.org
www.RecycleWorks.org