

SPRING CLEANING IN ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY? Give Your Unwanted Items a Second Life

As you sort through your closets, basement, garage or other storage spaces this spring, it's beneficial to ask yourself if your possessions are still a match with your lifestyle. Are they still needed? Are they still useful? Do you enjoy having them around?

If not, consider Plant Earth and our neighbors in need. Don't let your items spend eternity in a landfill. Consider donating them for a second life. One person's trash truly can be another's treasure.

We know you're busy and may not have time to do the research. That's why we created this list of local nonprofit organizations that will accept your unneeded items – transforming them into a treasure of goodwill.

CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES, TOYS & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- NUTLEY FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU: Accepts children's toys and clothing, adult clothing, shoes and accessories, as well as household items and small appliances.
- SECOND CHANCE TOYS: Accepts clean, working plastic toys for local community organizations serving needy children. Click here for drop off locations in Northern New Jersey.
- GOODWILL STORES: All Goodwill stores accept donations of clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, handbags, luggage, household goods and other items.

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE & FORMAL WEAR

- CAREER CLOSET OF NJCW/ESSEX and DRESS FOR SUCCESS NORTHERN NJ: Accept new or nearly-new professional attire and accessories for women entering the job force.
- OPERATION PROM: Accepts formal dresses appropriate for teenage girls going to prom. Mail or drop off at their location in Jersey City.
- CATHERINE'S CLOSET: Accepts short dresses, long gowns, shoes, purses and jewelry to help "girls look and feel like a queen at prom." Mail or drop off at their location in Newark. ARRANGED PRO TIP

SHOES & SNEAKERS

- Soles 4 Souls: Find drop off locations or ship new or gently used shoes to help those in need.
- Jackrabbit: Bring old running shoes to any Jackrabbit store to help farmers in Africa.





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reusable bag that you know

you'll never carry in public,

hang it in a closet. As you

identify clothes and other Items that no longer work

for you, place them in the bag. When it's full, donate it.





FURNITURE

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORES: Accepts new or gently used furniture, appliances, housewares, and surplus building materials. You can schedule a pick up of large items online.
- FURNITURE ASSIST: Accepts gently used furniture, clothing, housewares, working electronics, toys, baby items and more on Sundays from 12-2:30PM in Springfield.

ARRANGED PRO TIP

Discreetly placing "donation boxes" throughout your home provides a designated space to place items you no longer want or need, as you come across them. Start with one box per floor - in a closet or under a bed then add as you see fit. Once it's full, donate It.

BOOKS AND OTHER MEDIA

- OPERATION PAPERBACK: Become a Volunteer Shipper to donate reading materials to American troops deployed overseas, veterans and military families.
- MONTCLAIR COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB: Accepts books, CDs, DVDs, LPs, audio tapes, sheet music, and software (typically Saturdays 9:30-11:45AM) to support college scholarships for girls from Montclair, Glen Ridge, Verona and Cedar Grove.

ART SUPPLIES

MATERIALS FOR THE ARTS: Accepts unneeded arts supplies to support public schools and nonprofit organizations with arts programming.

UNEXPIRED CANNED OR PACKAGED FOOD

Two terrific organizations in Montclair - Human Needs Food Pantry and Toni's Kitchen - accept food and other personal care items to keep their pantries stocked.

Feeling overwhelmed? ARRANGED's professional hands-on organizing support helps you edit down your belongings to those that truly matter.

Learn more about ARRANGED and our organizing services for Homes and Businesses.

Contact us to schedule a complimentary phone consultation.





