

CREATIVE REUSE MarketPlace

Donation Guide

Do you have stuff lying around collecting dust? Not sure what to do with "this" or "that"? Want your treasures to be reused rather than thrown away? Think "this" or "that" would be good for making ____?

HOW TO DONATE

1. The Creative Reuse Marketplace accepts donations of one bag or less any time during our donation hours of 11:00 AM-3:00 PM Wednesdays and Saturdays. For larger donations, please email with a list of the items and volume of each.
2. Pack your donation in a container that you are ready to part with. We cannot empty and return containers. Please make sure that your donations are clean (e.g. free of animal droppings, mildew, stains, dead bugs, bad smells, etc.).
3. The easiest way to access us is to park by the second level Malibu Jack's entrance of the mall. You can walk through Malibu Jack's with your donation and we are the first store on the right after exiting Malibu Jack's. If you cannot carry your donation in, please come in and a volunteer will give you directions to the loading dock and meet you there with a cart to unload. We cannot accept donations left unattended, so please do not unload without us there to accept.
4. We may review the contents of all donations before accepting them to ensure we take the items. This process goes very quickly if you use bags, containers, or clips to organize your donation by category!
5. We are a tiny nonprofit with space constraints run by volunteers, so sometimes we may need to ask you to hold your donation until we have room to accept it. We appreciate your patience!
6. If you're unsure about a donation item, ask yourself:
 - Is it dirty? Is it moldy?
 - Is it smelly?
 - Has it been stored outside?
 - Is it unsafe? Does it contain toxic materials (e.g., mercury)?
 - Does it have sharp edges?
 - Would it be more appropriate for a thrift store (e.g., clothing, furniture, building materials)?
 - Is it a personal care or medical item?
 - Is it culturally or racially insensitive?

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, please don't donate your item to the store! If you are still unsure, please email us at CreativeReuseMarketplace@gmail.com.

If we cannot take your items, consider donating these organizations:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore	2744 S. 6 th Street, Springfield	(217) 523-2710
PACA Architectural Salvage	44 E Washington St, Champaign	(217) 359-7222
WILD Thrift & Sniff	1633 N Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62702	(217) 679-1875
Goodwill	2001 Wabash Ave, Springfield, IL 62704	(217) 220-1036
	2531 N Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62702	(217) 718-4628
	135 Independence Dr, Chatham, IL 62629	(217) 220-9431`
Hope Thrift Center	1800 S Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703	(217) 527-8414

REMINDER: Use bags, containers, rubber bands or clips to mark donations according to each category below before your donation appointment. All donations are checked prior to accepting and non-acceptable items will be returned.

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Arts & Crafts		Metal	
	Art Paints: Tempera, Acrylic, Oil, Watercolor		Keys, Locks, Keychains
	Paintbrushes		Rings
	Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils		Small Machinery Parts, Gears
	Pastels & Charcoals	X	Screws
	Chalk: white & colored		Sheet Metal Pieces
	Canvases		Craft & Industrial Wire
	Sketchbooks / Paper Pads	X	Bottle Caps, Pull Tabs
	Mat / Poster / Sign Board, Foamcore	X	Unused Foil Trays
	Clay & Sculpture Tools		Metal Utensils
	Craft Foam		License Plates
	Pom-poms		Paint Keys
	Googly Eyes		Scrapbooking & Paper
	Glitter		Cardstock
	Sequins		Construction Paper
	Pipe Cleaners		Stationery
	Glue Guns & Sticks	X	Printer Paper
	Glue	X	Envelopes
	Fine Art Pencils	X	Photo Paper
	Calligraphy Pens		Graph Paper
	Rulers / Compasses / Protractors		Scrapbooking Paper & Paperbooks
	Easels / Drawing Boards		Scrapbooks
	Posters & Prints		Stickers
	Classroom Borders	X	Wooden Backed Stamps
	Cutting Mats		Clear Mount Stamps
	Paper Cutters		Metal Die Cuts
	Scissors		Cricut Vinyl
	String & Twine		Washi Tape
	Fabric & Yarn		Embossing Powder
	Fabric (2"x2" Pieces or Larger)		Ink Pads
X	Fabric Samples	X	Stencils
	Quilt Blocks		Toys & Games
	Yarn (Acrylic, Wool, Blended, partial & full)	X	Games & Game Parts
X	Knitting Needles	X	Small Toys (plastic animals, matchbox cars, Legos)
	Crochet Hooks	X	Puzzles, Complete or Incomplete
X	Crochet Spools		Playing Cards
	Embroidery Hoops	X	Dolls, Doll Clothes & Parts
	Embroidery Floss	X	Kid's Craft Kits
	Sewing Tools	X	Tennis, Golf, & Other Small Balls
	Sewing Scissors		Books & Magazines
	Rotary Mats & Cutters	X	Art Books
X	Notions: Needles, Pins, etc.	X	Craft Books

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	Working Sewing Machines	X	How-to Books
X	Buttons	X	Craft Magazines
	Felt	X	Coloring Book
	Elastic, Velcro, Hem Tape	X	Sheet Music
	Embroidery & Cross Stitch Kits		Floral
X	Snaps		Artificial Flowers
X	Bias Tape		Greenery & Vines
	Uncut Sewing Patterns		Floral Tape
	Original Knitting & Needlework Patterns		Floral Wire
X	Fabric Ribbon & Mesh		Foam
	Leather Pieces		Feathers
	Trim, Rickrack		Fake Succulents
	Fabric Dye	X	Baskets
	Stuffing	X	Petals & Flower Parts
	Patches	X	Floral Pins
	Ephemera		Waxed Fruit
X	Maps		Straw Wreaths
	Cancelled Stamps		Grapevine Wreaths
X	Calendars	X	Raffia
	CD Paper Covers	X	Spanish Moss
	Postcards		Decorative Birds
	Chipboard		Floral Arrangement Picks
	Wood		Silk Leaves
	Boxes	X	Pine Cones
	Blocks		Jewelry & Beads
	Dowels	X	Bracelets (New & Vintage)
	Short (Less Than 3') Nail-Free Scraps	X	Earrings (New & Vintage)
	Balsa & Basswood	X	Necklaces (New & Vintage)
	Craft Shapes	X	Pendants (New & Vintage)
X	Clothespins	X	Pins (New & Vintage)
X	Corks	X	Rings (New & Vintage)
X	Driftwood	X	Watches (New & Vintage)
X	Golf Tees		Beads
	Glass & Mosaic		Charms
X	Gems		Jewelry Making Supplies (clasps, O-rings, hooks)
	Stained Glass Sheets & Pieces		Wire & Cord
X	Shells	X	Rhinestones
X	Rocks		Retired Tech
X	Tiles	X	CDs & DVDs
X	Coasters	X	VHS & Cassette Tapes
X	Sand	X	Vinyl Records
	Grout	X	Floppy Disks
	Vases	X	35 mm slides

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	Party	X	Photographs
X	Wrapping Paper		Vintage B&W Photographs
X	Plastic Ribbons		Card Case
X	Bows	X	Photo Clip Holders
X	Tissue Paper		Frames
X	Gift Bags	X	Photo Holders
	Fabric Bags	X	Frames with Glass
X	Greeting Cards	X	Precut Matboard
X	Mardi Gras Beads & Leis		Other
X	Party Decorations	X	Trophies
X	Confetti	X	Award Medals
X	Umbrellas & Straws	X	Egg Cartons
X	Streamers		Candles
X	Napkins (unopened)		Cigar Boxes
X	Invitations		Tins
	Office Supplies	X	Containers
X	Office Pens		Cardboard Tubes
X	Basic Pencils		Plastic bits
X	Lab Glass & Supplies, Magnifiers	X	Bubble wrap
X	Folders		Paper bags (clean)
X	Binders		Plastic Grocery Bags (clean)
X	Paper Clips		
X	Binder Clips		
X	Staples		
X	Rubber Bands		
X	Labels & Stickers		
X	Lanyards & Name Tags		
X	Report Covers, Page Protectors		
X	Sticky Notes, Notepads		
	Tape		
	Hole Punches		
X	Magnets		

Holiday Items Accepted only During the Month Listed	
October	Christmas / Hannukah / New Year's
January	Valentine's
February	St. Patrick's
March	Easter
June	Fourth of July / Americana
August	Halloween / Fall
September	Thanksgiving
We accept craft kits, fabric, ribbons, wrapping. NO Figurines, NO Ornaments, NO Treat bags, NO Costumes	

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NEVER ACCEPTED			
X	Aerosol Cans	X	Lamp Shades, Light Fixtures
X	Animal Cages, Toys, Fish Tanks, Feeders, Bedding	X	Lawn Equipment, hoses, sprayers
X	Appliances	X	Light Bulbs
X	Architectural / Samples / Fabric Samples	X	Loose Glass Panes / Sheets
X	Batteries	X	Magazines
X	Carpet	X	Makeup, Perfumes, Nail Polish
X	Cleaning Supplies	X	Medical Supplies & Equipment (contact lens cases, air tubing, syringes, denture/retainer cases, etc.)
X	Clothes Hangers	X	Mirrors
X	Clothing & Clothing Scraps, Shoes, Umbrellas	X	Pet Toys & Accessories
X	Computer Monitors, Hard Drives, Keyboards	X	Pillows, Mattresses, Mattress Foam
X	Cookware, Dishes, Plastic Utensils, Bakeware	X	Power Tools (table saws, band saws, etc.)
X	Cords, Cables, & Chargers	X	Printer Ink Cartridges
X	Cosmetics, Makeup, Nail Polish	X	Product Packaging (phone/laptop boxes, etc.)
X	Curtains, Sheets, Bedspreads, Towels	X	Soap Dispenser Caps
X	Dictionaries / Thesaurus / Encyclopedias	X	Sports Equipment (exception small game balls)
X	Electronics or Analog equipment: record players, typewriters, phones, etc.	X	Spray Paint
X	Fiberglass, concrete, bricks, particle board	X	Styrofoam
X	Food Containers	X	Thermometers or Thermostats
X	Furniture (couches, chairs, TV stands, etc.)	X	Toilet Paper Tubes
X	Hard or Soft Cover general books	X	Toothbrushes/Toiletries
X	House Paint, Oil or Latex, Solvents	X	Unframed Mirror larger than 11" x 14"
X	Household Recyclables	X	Wallpaper
X	Ice Packs, Coolers	X	Water Bottles
X	Incense	X	Wood Pieces longer than 3 feet