



Guideline for Donating Your Gently Used Items

What Do We Accept?

We accept donations of new and gently used **residential building supplies, household furniture, and select commercial items** that we determine will sell in our retail store.

With a few exceptions, we look for items that you can find at a “big box” home improvement or home furnishing stores.

****Note that this list is not all inclusive or all exclusive. Due to oversupply and limited warehouse space, we may limit the acceptance of items from time to time. The Habitat ReStore driver picking up materials will have final approval for all items.**

All the items we take must be:

- **Reusable:** The item must be made for use in or can easily be used directly in residential or light commercial construction, improvement, maintenance, or furnishing by the common home or small business owner.
- **Structurally Sound & Complete:** The item must be complete, intact, sturdy and free of damage.
- **Functional:** The item must be able to do what it was made to do. It needs to be ready to work “right off the shelf” without repair.
- **Cosmetically Appealing:** The item must be appealing for reuse “as is” in another person’s home, something you’d give to friends or family.
- **Sellable:** Our trained staff must determine that the item will sell in our store.
- **The Habitat ReStore driver picking up materials will have final approval for all items.**

Donation Pick-Up Guidelines:

- Items must be at street level – in a garage or in a driveway
- Habitat ReStore will not enter your back yard to remove items
- Habitat ReStore will not enter your home to remove items

Alphabetical Listing

While we appreciate every donation, due to limited space, we cannot accept every item. Below are a few guidelines that will help you determine if your donation is a good fit for Habitat ReStore.

Some unique items can be accepted with manager approval.

Adhesives

New, soft, unopened, and not expired. No “professional” or “industrial use only.”

Appliances

Accepted

The following appliances must be in perfect working order, needing no repair or parts, clean and well-maintained, less than 10 years old with no mold or odors.

Stoves, Cooktops, Ovens, Washers, Dryers, Trash Compactors, Refrigerators & Freezers, Microwaves, Garbage Disposals, Humidifiers and Dehumidifiers
Central A/C's, Window A/C's—See “HVAC.”

Not accepted:

Handheld and Countertop (Small Household Appliances), Water Softeners, Dishwashers, Water Heaters, Fire Hydrants.

Armoires

See Furniture, Household.

Asphalt Products

In original packaging marked with either **manufacture date** or containing the words “**no asbestos**” OR written and **signed statement** required from donor, stating where and approximately when item purchased new. Must be manufactured after 1980.

See specific item listing for details for a particular item; for example: “shingles.”

Bath Accessories

Towel Bars, Soap Dishes, TP Holders, Toothbrush Holders—Complete with brackets and hardware, wall-mount only (no stand-alone ‘décor’ items), new only on porcelain items.

Handicap Grab Bars & Support Items—In good condition with all parts.

Bathtubs

Steel and standard Cast Iron—None accepted.

Fiberglass—No cracks, mounting flange mainly intact, little to no discoloration.

Claw foot Cast Iron — Accepted.

Jacuzzi/Jet Tubs—New or used - no chips or cracks, pump required.

Beds

Head/Foot Boards & Frames--See Furniture, Household.

Mattresses/ Box Springs, Futon mattress, Hideabeds—None accepted.

Blinds

See Window Blinds, Shades, and Treatments.

Bookcases

See Furniture, Household.

Brick & Block

Full pieces only, no mortar, reasonably clean. For pickup, bricks/blocks must be palletized with forklift available. If drop off, free pallets available ahead of time, upon request.

Cabinets: Bases, Uppers, Doors, Drawers, Faces, Hardware, Vanities

Kitchen Bases and Uppers—Must have all the doors and drawers. (Leave doors and drawers attached for driver verification). No damage, and fairly up to date. Metal okay only if no rust and in superb condition (well maintained).

Doors (Without Cabinet)—New or like new only; no plywood or self-painted doors.

Drawers (Without Cabinet) — New or like new only; no plywood or self-painted faces.

Faces/Fronts—only with matching cabinet set, complete with all doors, drawers, etc.

Countertops—See Countertops.

Drawer Guides—Complete sets only, no damage or rust.

Cabinet Pulls and Hinges—No excessive wear or paint, complete with no missing pieces, nothing broken. Must be boxed or sacked.

Medicine—All types, fairly up to date, clean, no damage or rust, to include shelves.

Furniture—See Furniture, Household.

*Bathroom Vanities—New and used acceptable. Standard single bowl units only (**no double sinks**). 49” max. Must be rectangular in shape (no irregular shapes) unless with matching cabinet. No chips, cracks, ‘spider veins’ in bowl, or excessive wear.*

Carpet

See Flooring.

Caulk

New, soft, unopened, and not expired. Not labeled for “professional” or “industrial use only.”

Ceiling Fans

Fully functional with blades, globes and light bulbs removed. Blades, screws and mounting hardware included. None accepted with old wiring, broken blades.

Ceiling Tile and Accessories

Tiles—All types; new only. No partial pieces, water damage, or other damage or deterioration.

*Packaging must be marked with either **manufacture date** or containing the words “**no asbestos**”*

*OR, if not stated on package, written and **signed statement** required from donor, stating where and approximately when item purchased new. Must be manufactured after 1980.*

Grid Pieces— None accepted

Chairs—Living Room, Dining

See Furniture, Household.

Chemicals

*We **DO NOT ACCEPT** chemicals, new or used. This includes cleaning products, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides, fertilizers, and the like.*

****Contact Under The Sink for chemical disposal: (402) 444-7465.*

Couches

See Furniture, Household.

Countertops

No chips, cracks, or other damage to structure or finished surface.

Countertops, Laminate—Up to date with common cut outs only, such as sink and cooktop. Simple rectangles or L-shapes only, unless it accompanies a matching cabinet.

Countertops, Corian, Granite, Etc.

Laminate Material—no sheets, limited rolls accepted with prior approval only.

Cove Base, Vinyl or Rubber

None accepted.

Curtain and Traverse Rods

See Window Blinds, Shades, and Treatments.

Doors – maximum size 42” x 80”

Wooden—no rot or splits, no holes.

Metal & Metal Clad—no dents, no rust, no rot if the core is wooden.

With Single Pane Windows—glass cannot be broken or missing.

With Double Pane Windows—used must have all panes intact with no broken seals (not foggy);

Patio Doors—excellent to good shape, with full frame, no broken seals on double-paned glass.

Standard size only. 72” x 81” or 60” x 80”. We accept units with all wood frames as long as no rot is present. We accept units with aluminum clad frames. We do NOT accept units with a thin aluminum frame. No patio (slider) doors by themselves but we will accept a sliding screen door.

Storm—operable and must include the hinge piece, screen, and window. Top and side frame pieces highly encouraged, but not required.

Shower—See “Shower Doors.”

Screen—Complete, no rot or damage, screen material must be intact.

Garage—See “Garage Doors & Accessories”

Commercial—None accepted.

Drapes, Traverse Rods, Valences, Curtains, Curtain Rods

See Window Blinds, Shades, and Treatments.

Dressers

See Furniture, Household.

Drywall & Accessories

Sheets—Useable ½ sheet or larger, no irregular shapes. No water damage or mold.

Joint Compound (Mud)—New, unopened, and not expired.

Tape—Clean and dry, never damp. Partial rolls accepted.

Corner Bead—Full, undamaged sticks; if rolled, partial rolls accepted.

Electrical Supplies

Fairly up to date, no corrosion or rust, assorted is fine, boxed or sacked, no incomplete kits (if applicable).

Commercial—accepted on a case-by-case basis with manager approval; must have use in residential applications.

Conduit—New or used, 4 ft. sections or longer, no rust or corrosion.

Lights—See Lights, Lamps & Bulbs.

Wire—New or used, any gauge, type, or length.

Electronics—Televisions, Stereos, Computers, Etc.

None accepted.

Entertainment Centers

None accepted for pickup

Exercise Equipment

None Accepted

Fasteners

Nails, Screws, & Bolts— Sorted by type and size, boxed or sacked, no rust. If not in original packaging, must be at least 1 pound.

Faucets

Not accepted if used for services where water is consumed (*Kitchen faucets, bathroom sink faucets*). *Removal of faucets from sinks preferred, but not required.*

Fencing

Metal, Wrought Iron, Chain Link Fabric, Gates, & Top Rail—Good condition, little damage or rust.

Wooden—In panels or individual boards, any height, no rot or deterioration.

Vinyl—Full pieces or panels only; no damage.

Posts—Full lengths (not cut at ground), straight and sound, clean with no Concrete.

All Other Fence Material—Chicken wire, orange construction fence, silt/erosion control fence, snow fence, etc. are acceptable. No rust, major tears, or other damage.

Fireplaces & Accessories

Fireplace Inserts—None accepted.

Fireplaces, Stand-Alone— Non-venting only accepted.

Fronts and Doors—Complete, no rust or damage, relatively clean, fully functional.

Tools—individual or in sets, good condition.

Gas Logs—Working order, relatively clean.

Wood Cradles, Etc.—Undamaged with little to no rust.

Flooring

Area Rugs—Any size, finished edges intact, well-maintained with no odors or stains.

Carpet— Commercial donations only. No used/ residential donor carpet accepted. Commercial donors please call (402) 884-6976.

Wood—All types, useable lengths (6 ft. or longer), no nails, rot, or other damage.

Drop off maximum length – no restrictions.

Flooring, con't.

Pick up maximum length – 15'.

100 sq ft minimum for pick up.

If tongue and groove, 'tongues' and 'grooves' must be intact. Must be wrapped or boxed for pickup.

Parquet—Full pieces, no rot or damage, boxed or sacked for handling.

Laminate—Full pieces, no rot or damage. If tongue and groove, 'tongues' and 'grooves' must be intact. Must be wrapped or boxed for pickup.

*Vinyl, Rolled—New only, 6' x 6' and larger, no cracks or other damage. In original packaging marked with either **manufacture date** or containing the words “**no asbestos**” OR written and **signed statement** required from donor, stating where and approximately when item purchased new. Must be manufactured after 1980.*

*Vinyl, Tiles—New only, both adhesive and non-adhesive, full pieces, boxed or sacked for handling. In original packaging marked with either **manufacture date** or containing the words “**no asbestos**” OR, if loose, written and **signed statement** required from donor, stating where and approximately when item purchased new. Must be manufactured after 1980.*

Absolutely no 9” vinyl tile, new or used (contains asbestos).

Furnaces/Heat Pumps

Gas or Electric. Must be in perfect working order needing no repair or parts, inner workings not rusty, well-maintained. Nothing older than 15 years.

Furniture, Household

Wood—must be of sturdy construction, solid wood, MDF, or select particle board.

Metal—constructed of metal, with finish in good shape.

Upholstered—Select pieces only; must be clean and modern with no tears, stains, or odors.

Office furniture - residential —on a case-by-case basis. Please call (402) 547-3408 for approval.

Standard size units only. No steel desks or large executive desks. Solid wood or select metal units—no particle board.

We Cannot Accept—mattresses/box springs, sleeper sofas, futon mattresses, baby/child products.

Furniture, Outdoor

See Outdoor Living.

Garage Doors and Accessories

Wooden Doors—wooden doors/panels not accepted.

Metal Doors—Complete with all panels, no damage or rust, fully functional; if windows, no broken panes. Maximum size accepted – 16'

Tracks, Springs, Cables, Rollers, Hinges, Etc.—in good repair, minimal rust.

Electric Openers—10 years old or less, perfect working order needing no repair or parts. Please include all parts, including remote control.

Glass

Panes—See Window Parts/ Glass Panes.

Shelving—See Shelving.

Hardware

Cabinet—See Cabinets.

Hardware, con't.

Door Locks and Knobs—fully functional with all parts, not excessively worn or scratched, no paint; must be packaged individually for easy reassembly (Zip Locks work well).

Hinges—all types accepted, must have all parts, no paint, no rust.

Nails, Screws, & Bolts—see Fasteners.

Miscellaneous—should be specifically sorted and boxed/sacked, clean, operable, no rust.

Housewares—Dishes, Pots, Pans, Etc.

None accepted.

HVAC

Perfect working order needing no repair or parts, inner workings not rusty, well-maintained.

Furnaces—Gas or electric. Nothing older than 15 years.

Air Conditioners (Central Outdoor Unit)—Preferably with matching evaporator (A-coil) if separate unit. If used, must be properly removed with a pipe cutter and pipe capped; “Saws All” removal is not acceptable. Minimal bent fins. Must be less than 15 years old.

Evaporators (A-Coils)—Little rust or corrosion, preferably with the matching condenser unit.

Air Conditioners (Window)—Modern and clean, minimal bent fins.

Thermostats—New or used, electronic/digital only; none that contain Mercury bulb.

Duct—all types; 2' sections and longer, little rust or corrosion.

Duct Fittings—all types, little rust or corrosion.

Vents/Covers—no rust or excessive paint. Most antique items considered.

Insulation

Backed & Unbacked—new only, clean and never damp, rolled, bound, or otherwise contained.

Blown—new only, in original packaging.

Sheet—new or like new, ¼ sheet or larger, clean with no holes or damage.

Landscaping Supplies

Edging—All types, new or used, good condition.

Fabric—New only, full or partial rolls.

Rock or Stone— Wall, veneer, and landscape stone all accepted. Must be clean with little debris, litter, or mortar. Small items like landscape rock must be in bag or bucket. For pickup rock/stone must be palletized with forklift available.

Lawn Tools & Equipment

See Tools.

Lights, Lamps & Bulbs - Must have a Residential application; No commercial lighting

Ceiling, Can, Hanging, Track, Wall-Mount, Exterior Lights—Complete, not excessively worn, nothing broken, fully functional, protected for transport with all light bulbs removed. No light fixtures with old cloth-insulated wiring.

Fluorescent Lights—Ballast label must state “no PCB’s.” Ballast must be exposed at time of pick up for inspection. All bulbs must be removed by donor or item will be refused.

Lamps—Floor, table and desk, complete with shade preferred.

Lights, Lamps & Bulbs, con’t.

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs—New in original package only.

Fluorescent Bulbs—New in original package only. Donor to remove bulbs from fixture before pick up.

Incandescent Bulbs—New in original package only.

Lumber: Wood, Metal, & Composite

No nails, no rotten, rusted, or deteriorated areas, not excessively weathered. If painted, no peeling paint and no more than one coat.

Dimensional & Beams—6 continuous, usable feet and longer.

Drop off maximum length – no restrictions.

Pick up maximum length – 15’.

Fence—See Fencing.

Sheets/Plywood— ½ useable sheet and larger; no irregular shapes.

Trim—See Trim, Molding, and Millwork.

No railroad ties.

Decking – See Outdoor Living.

Mirrors

In good condition with no chips, cracks or discoloration. No mirrors larger than one person can handle safely, approximately 4 ft. x 4ft. or smaller. Mirrors must be framed – no exceptions.

Office Furniture, Equipment

Office furniture accepted on a case by case basis. Please call (402) 884-6976. No Steel desks, large executive desks, cube walls or attachments. No electronic office equipment.

Outdoor Living

Decking – Wood or composite accepted. No rot or split boards. No faded or stained boards. Boards must still maintain their structural integrity.

Drop off maximum length – no restrictions.

Pick up maximum length – 15’.

Pick up minimum size – 100 sq. ft.

Fireplaces/Pits—Complete and well maintained.

Grills—Complete and well maintained; no rust. If gas, working order, no propane tanks.

Patio Furniture—Tables, chairs, benches, swings, and umbrellas accepted. Little to no rust, well maintained, sturdy; if plastic, not cracked or brittle. Cushions only if accompanied by matching furniture, in excellent to very good condition.

Paint

*No residential pickup or drop-off accepted. **

Accepted from industrial/ professional locations only. Please call (402) 884-6976 to schedule pickup. No oil-based or flammable paints/stains accepted. Also see Chemicals.

* For residential paint disposal in Douglas and Sarpy Counties, please contact Under the Sink at 402-444-7465.

Plumbing Supplies

*Faucets, Pipe, Fittings, Etc.—Clean with no rust, assorted is fine, boxed or sacked. No fitted/glued pieces. **Not accepted if used for services where water is consumed** (Kitchen faucets, bathroom sink faucets, dishwashers, water heaters).*

Plumbing Supplies, con't.

*PVC/ABS Primer, Cleaner, & Cement—**Accepted from businesses only**, new, sealed in original container, must expire no less than one month from the date of donation.*

Railings

Exterior, Any Material—All lengths, complete sections or parts, well-maintained, with little rust or other deterioration. Legs must be whole, not cut at ground level.

Interior Wooden—See “Trim, Molding, & Millwork.”

Interior Wrought Iron—Same as “Exterior” above.

Drop off maximum length – no restrictions.

Pick up maximum length – 15’.

Rock

See Landscaping Supplies

Roofing

Corrugated Tin—New or used, undamaged.

Felt & Roll Roofing—New only, full or partial rolls, undamaged.

Flashing & Edging—New only, full or partial rolls, sticks must be 4 ft. or longer.

Guttering & Accessories—New only, 4 ft. sections or longer, not dented, no excessive paint.

*Shingles—New only, bundled, minimum 5 bundles. No small or unpackaged amounts. Large donations must sort type and color by pallet or other recognizable means as much as possible. Must have been stored in shelter, not ‘stuck together’, no scraps. In original packaging marked with either **manufacture date** OR containing the words “**no asbestos**”.*

Tile—clay and concrete, full pieces, no damage.

Vents—Complete and fully functional.

Sheds

None accepted.

Sheetrock

See Drywall.

Shelving

Pieces—All manufactured shelving material is acceptable. Must be in good, clean condition.

Home Shelving/Racking Units—Sturdy and complete with no rust or other damage.

Shingles

See Roofing.

Showers

Kits—Sets/kits preferred (all panels and base), but parts accepted as described below.

Bases— Must be clean with no cracks or other damage.

Panel Sets—No damage, no excessive discoloration, clean.

Enclosures—No damage, no excessive discoloration, clean.

Showers, con't.

Shower Doors—Sliding or hinged, must have all parts including all tracks/frame, no broken glass or bent pieces. Must be up to date; clean with no excessive soap scum/ calcium build-up (well maintained); no mold.

Shutters

Wooden—interior or exterior, good shape with no damage, rot, multiple layers of paint, or excess peeling.

Vinyl—good condition, no damage, brittleness, or heavy fading.

Siding

Vinyl—new, uncut, undamaged sheets or accessories only. Minimum donation accepted - 2 full boxes (= 4 squares) No partial or small amounts.

Drop off maximum length - no restrictions.

Pick up maximum length - 15'

Metal— New or used, undamaged.

Drop off maximum length - no restrictions.

Pick up maximum length - 15'

Wood-Based—6' long or longer for lengths, at least ½ sheet large for sheets/panels, full pieces for shake-type, no damage or rot.

Drop off maximum length - no restrictions.

Pick up maximum length - 15'

*Concrete-Based— In original packaging marked with either **manufacture date** or containing the words “**no asbestos**” OR written and **signed statement** required from donor, stating where and approximately when item purchased new. Must be manufactured after 1980.*

Sinks

Removal of faucet preferred on kitchen and bathroom sinks. Also see Faucets.

Kitchen—New or used, all materials, normal wear and tear okay, no chips or deep scratches in finish.

Bathroom Wall Mount—New in box or unique antique only.

Bathroom Bowl—New or used for porcelain, steel, or plastic, finish intact. No cast iron.

Vanity Tops—New and used acceptable, standard single bowl units only, no double sinks. Must be rectangular in shape (no irregular shapes) unless with matching cabinet. No chips, cracks, 'spider veins' in bowl, or excessive wear.

Pedestal Sinks—New and used acceptable. No chips, cracks, 'spider veins' in bowl, or excessive wear.

Handicap Accessible Sinks—Finish intact, must have mounting bars.

Mop Sinks—new or used, relatively clean.

Sofas

See Furniture, Household.

Stone

See Landscaping Supplies.

Swing Sets & Play Sets

None accepted

Tables—Dining Room, Coffee, Side

See Furniture, Household.

Tile (Ceramic, Porcelain, Marble, Granite, Etc.)

New and used full pieces only; clean and ready to install; not outdated; boxed or sacked for transport.

Toilets /Bidets

Clean, no chips or cracks, complete with bowl, tank, and tank lid. Residential units only.

Urinals, wall-mounts, commercial—None accepted.

Tools

Hand, non-powered—construction or gardening; nothing broken, worn-out, or rusted; fully functional.

Power, Hand-Held—less than 10 years old generally, must have all parts, fully functional. Plastic body only; no electric-powered hand tools made with a metal body. New only on cordless tools.

Power, Stationary—must have all parts, fully functional.

Gas-Powered— Fuel drained. All parts fully functional. Call for approval. (402) 884-6976

Ladders—New or used, any material. Sturdy, solid, and safe.

Trim, Moulding, & Millwork

Trim & Moulding—6 feet or longer, no nails or screws, good cosmetic condition.

Handrail—6 feet long and longer, no nails or screws, no damage, rot, or excessive peeling paint.

Landing Posts and Spindles—no nails or screws, in good cosmetic condition; full lengths, not cut off at floor level.

Drop off maximum length - no restrictions.

Pick up maximum length - 15'

Vanities

See Cabinets

Wallpaper

None accepted.

Windows

*Double-Hung, Slider, Casement/Awning, & Architectural—at least double-paned, wooden, vinyl or metal construction acceptable. Must have full jamb (not just sashes; see “sashes” under “Window Parts”), no rot, no broken glass or seals, fully operational. Size restriction: 4' w x 5' h**

Storm, Aluminum—Must be fully-functioning, complete with all pieces, undamaged with no broken glass or torn screens. Glass taped for transport is preferred.

Windows, con't.

Storm (Wooden), Storm (Steel), Single Hung, Picture/Fixed – None accepted.*

**Due to limited floor and warehouse space, larger and picture windows may be accepted but on an item-by-item, day-by-day basis. Please call with the dimensions. (402) 884-6976*

Window Parts

Sashes—Only new considered; based on current inventory.

Glass Panes (Unframed Glass) — None accepted

Glass Inserts for Storm Windows or Screen Inserts for Windows/Storm Windows—None accepted.

Screen Material—New only, full or partial rolls accepted.

Window Blinds, Shades, and Treatments

Blinds and Shades—All types. New or like-new condition, modern, fully-functioning with no damage, clean, all parts, including brackets, not tangled.

Curtains, Drapes, Valences—None accepted.

Curtain Rods—Wooden or metal, decorative or ornate in design.

*The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act, effective January 4, 2014, reduces the allowable level of lead in plumbing products used to convey water for human consumption from 8.0% (where it stood since 1986) to 0.25% using a new method of lead content assessment. **For this reason, Omaha's Habitat ReStore locations are no longer able to sell or accept donations of these products without lead-free certification.***

Products subject to this law: pipes, fittings and fixtures that may provide water for human consumption (drinking, teeth brushing and food preparation). **This includes:** kitchen faucets, bathroom sink faucets, dishwashers, water heaters, pipes and pipe fittings leading to these faucets/appliances, plumbed-in appliances (i.e. coffee makers) and fire hydrants. For more information, please visit <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/upload/epa815s13001.pdf>.