

# What Do We Accept?

## Guidance for Screening Commonly Donated Items

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

### 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:** All items must be complete, intact, sturdy and free of major 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 & Clean:** The item must be appealing and clean 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.

### Donation Pick-Up Guidelines:

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

## Alphabetical Listing with Details

The following pages contain detailed conditions for the items we see most often. These conditions are based on over a decade of retailing experience.

If an item does not meet the conditions set below, it will not sell in our store and is not acceptable as a donation.

If the item is not listed below, we will consider it based on the information above. Manager approval may be necessary.

***Appliances*** - 10 years or younger in full working order, clean, little to no rust, and no missing parts or pieces.

**-Cook Top, Dryer, All Handheld & Countertop Appliances, Oven, Range hood, Stove, Refrigerator, Trash Compactor, Washer, Window AC, Wine Chiller.**

**See below for important information about appliances...**

- **Central Air Conditioner** - only accepted through Deconstruction Program unless brand new in box.
- **Dishwasher** - Must be manufactured after 2014 due to Federal Law. Documentation or date on dishwasher required. Must be clean, in full working order and have all part and pieces.
- **Fireplace Inserts** - Not accepted.
- **Fireplace Accessories** - Doors and screens must be complete with no rust or damage. No burn holes in metal. Tools (individual or sets) must be in good condition. Gas logs must be in working order with all parts and clean. Wood cradles must be clean, undamaged and with minor rust.
- **Furnace/Heat Pump** - Only accepted through Deconstruction Program unless brand new in box.
- **Garbage Disposal** - Should include mounting ring if possible.
- **Handheld and Countertop Appliances** - Drop off only unless picked up with other items.
- **Humidifier/Dehumidifier** - New in box only. No used Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers not accepted.

- **Microwave-** Mounting bracket and cooking plate must be included (if applicable). Must be clean.
- **Water Heater-** New in box only. No exceptions due to Federal Laws.
- **Water Softener-** Not accepted due to Federal Laws.

***Bathroom /Plumbing*** - All must be clean & without excessive wear or damage.

- **Bathroom Accessories-** We accept towel bars, soap dishes, toilet paper holders, toothbrush holders. Wall mount accessories must include all hardware.
- **Bathroom mirror-** Mirror must be framed. We do not accept plate glass mirrors.
- **Bathroom Sink-** No chips, spider veins or deep scratches in finish
- **Bathroom vanity-** Must include doors and drawers. No water damage or mold.
- **Bathtub-** Fiberglass rectangle tubs only. Must have faces and sides. No built ins. **No odd** shapes or sizes. No cast iron or steel tubs unless claw foot. No cracking. Mounting flange must be intact. Little or no discoloration.
- **Bidet-** Must include all pieces and have no cracks.
- **Faucet-** Must be new in box only and marked as lead free. We cannot accept used faucets because of Federal Laws
- **Grab bars and Support Items-** Must be in good condition. Must include all parts and mounting hardware.
- **Medicine Cabinet-** Must be clean and rust free. Shelves must be included.
- **Pedestal sink-** All pieces must be included (base and top).No chips or deep scratches in finish. Removal of Faucet preferred.
- **Pipes/Fittings-** Clean with no rust. 3 ft minimum length. Assorted fittings are accepted. Fittings must be boxed or bagged. No glued pieces. We do not accept PCV primer, cleaner, or glue.
- **Sink-** Kitchen, bathroom, utility or bar sinks accepted. Removal of faucet preferred. No chips, spider veins or deep scratches in finish. Wall mount sinks must be new in box or antique only. If cast iron, must be porcelain coated and in excellent condition. Pedestal sinks must include all pieces. Handicap sinks must have all parts included.
- **Stainless steel sink-** Removal of faucet preferred. No deep scratches in finish
- **Shower door-** Must be like new condition and will be denied at pick up if not.
- **Shower Surrounds/Enclosures-** Sets only. Fiberglass surrounds only. Must not have any cracks and with no discoloration.
- **Shower Base-** Must be clean with no cracks.

- **Toilet-** Must be clean and fully assembled, unless brand new in the box. Must include all pieces and have no cracks. No individual parts. Urinal and wall mounted toilets **not** accepted.
- **Thermostats-** Digital or electronic only. Cannot contain mercury.
- **Vanity Top-** Rectangular shape only. No odd shapes or L-shaped tops unless vanity base is included. No chips, cracks rust or spider veins. Double vanity tops must be solid surface, stone, or granite.
- **Whirlpool Tub-** Standard size tubs only. Must have faces and sides. No built ins. No corner or odd shapes. No cracks or chips. Pump must be included and in working condition.

***Building Materials*** – We do not accept chemicals. This includes cleaning products, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, poisons, or fertilizers. Contact Under the Sink at 4001 South 120th Street - 402-444-7465 for how to dispose of them properly

- **Adhesives/Caulk-** Must be new, soft, unopened and not expired.
- **Ceiling Tile/Grid-** New only and a min of 50 sq. ft. Must be manufactured after 1980.
- **Deck Boards-** Wood or composite. Must be in good condition with no rot, nails, or screws. Must be 6 ft or longer unless donating more than 50 sq ft. Maximum pickup length is 15 ft due to truck limits.
- **Drywall-** Full or half sheets only. No holes, water damage, or mold. No irregular sheets. Minimum of 3 full sheets for pick up.
- **Drywall Accessories-** Mud or compound must be new, unopened, and unexpired. Tape must be clean and dry. Never damp. Partial rolls accepted. Corner bead must be full lengths, undamaged and metal only. Full and partial rolls accepted.
- **Duct/Fittings-** All types. Sections must be 2 ft or longer. Only minor rust or corrosion.
- **Duct Vents/Covers-** No rust. Minimal paint. Most antique items accepted in any condition.
- **Fencing/Railing-** Wrought iron with no damage, not bent or rust damage. Wood panels or individual pickets without rot or deterioration. Vinyl pieces or panels with no damage, cracks, or mold. Posts must be full length, straight, clean, no concrete. Chicken wire, snow fence, etc must be free of tears, rust, and holes. Maximum pickup length is 15 ft due to truck limits. See also Outdoor.
- **Flashing/ Roof Edging-** New only. Full or partial rolls. Undamaged. If unrolled, must be minimum of 4 ft lengths.
- **Gutters/Downspouts-** New or used in good condition with no rust. Not dented. No excessive paint. Minimum length of 4 ft.

- **Insulation**- New only. Clean, never damp. Rolled, bound, or bagged. Backed, unbacked and bagged blown insulation accepted. Drop off only unless with other items. Sheet insulation must be 1/4 sheet or larger. Must be clean with no holes, mold or damage.
- **Lumber**- Must be at least 6 feet long and free of nails, screws, holes and rot. If painted, only one coat and no chipping or peeling. Maximum pickup length 15 ft due to truck size. Must send pics to manager to approve reclaimed wood or barn wood.
- **Nails/Screws/Bolts**- Must be sorted by type and size. No mixed cans. No rust. If not in original packaging must be ½ pound minimum.
- **Paint**- We do not accept paint. New commercial inquiries should be referred to a manager.
- **Plywood/Sheathing/Subfloor**- Full or half sheets only. No holes, nails, or screws. No irregular shapes. Minimum of 4 full sheets for pick up.
- **Railroad Ties**- Not accepted.
- **Roof Vents**- Must include all parts. Minimal rust. No dents.
- **Shingles/Rolled Roofing**- New ONLY. Minimum of 3 bundles of same style/color. Full or partial rolls accepted. Must be manufactured after 1980.
- **Siding**- No metal or asbestos siding. Vinyl must have full pieces without cracks or damage. Wood siding must be in good condition with no damage, rot, mold or paint. Concrete hardy board siding accepted if newer styles. Lap siding must be 6' or longer pieces. Sheets must be ½ sheet or larger. Shake type cedar siding is also accepted. Maximum length for pickup is 15' due to truck size.
- **Trim/Handrail, Interior or exterior/Posts**- Interior wood railings and newel posts accepted and must be at least 6 feet long unless part of door trim set. Nails and screws must be removed before pick up or drop off. No holes or rot. If painted, only one coat and no chipping or peeling. Maximum pickup length 15 ft due to truck size.
- **Wallpaper**- New only or vintage. Drop off only unless with larger item pick ups.
- **Other Building Material**- Approve with Manager.

## ***Cabinets and Counters***

- **Bathroom/Kitchen Cabinet** - Base and upper cabinets accepted. Doors and drawers must be included and assembled. Do not separate. No water or structural damage. No Mold. Metal cabinets accepted. No rust and in good condition.
- **Cabinet Doors and Drawers**- Individual doors and drawers not accepted. Must be included with cabinet, unless you have a matching set of 4 or more cabinet doors.
- **Cabinet Hardware**- Pulls, Handles, Hinges accepted. No excessive wear or painted hardware.
- **Counter Top**- No chips, cracks or stains. Counter cannot be odd or L-shaped. If the countertop is granite, it must be small enough for two people to carry.

- **Cove Base-** Manager Approval.
- **Island-** Must include all cabinet doors and drawers. No water damage or mold.
- **Laminate Material-** Full or partial rolls or full sheets only. Must be new, not previously installed.
- **Medicine Cabinet-** Clean. No damage or rust. Must include shelves.
- **Shelving-** Free standing or fully assembled wall shelves. Must not need additional hardware to install. Must be in good, clean condition without nails or screws sticking out.
- **Storage cabinet-** Base and upper cabinets accepted. Doors and drawers must be included and assembled. Do not separate. No water or structural damage. No Mold. Metal cabinets accepted. No rust and in good condition.

## *Doors*

- **Door hardware-** Door locks/knobs/hinges. Fully functional with all parts. No excessive wear. No painted hardware. Packaged in bags preferred. Most antique door hardware accepted in any condition.
- **Exterior door-** We do not accept commercial doors. Must not have holes, rot, splits, dents, rust, deep scratches, delamination, stickers or significant damage. Doors with glass inserts must not be cracked or broken. Thermopane must be intact if applicable. No fogging. Please check the bottoms of doors for damage. Maximum size of 42" x 82"
- **Interior door/French door/Bi-fold door -** We do not accept commercial doors. Not accepted if they have holes, rot, splits, dents, rust, deep scratches, delamination, stickers or significant damage. Please check the bottoms of doors for damage. Maximum size of 42" x 82"
- **Garage Doors-** We accept metal or composite only. Composite doors must be in excellent condition. No damage, dents, rust or rot. Maximum length of 16 feet widths. Hinges and door hardware should be included. No broken or missing windows.
- **Garage Door Opener-** Must be in perfect working order and less than 10 years old. Must have all parts, including remote.
- **Patio Door-** We accept single and double (French Doors) in standard sizes. Frame must be complete and intact. Thermopane seal must not be broken. Standard sizes only. 72" x 81" or 60" x 80" Wood frame and door must not have any rot or damage. Vinyl clad doors and frames accepted.
- **Screens/Material-** Screen inserts must be in good condition, not bent or rusted. Screen material must be like new. Full and partial rolls accepted.
- **Sliding glass/Screen door-** Sliding glass doors must be vinyl and in casing. No aluminum or metal sliding glass doors. Wood doors must have no sign of rot. We do not accept doors without frame. Sliding Screen doors accepted in good condition.
- **Storm door-** Good condition. Fully operable. Must include hinge piece, screen frame and window. Top and side frames preferred.

## ***Electrical and Lighting***

- **Bulbs-** Incandescent, LED accepted. No florescent bulbs accepted. No florescent light fixtures accepted.
- **Ceiling fan-** We no longer accept, unless new in box and never been used with all pieces included.
- **Chandelier-** Must include all parts.
- **Conduit-** New or used. Minimum of 10-foot lengths. No rust or corrosion.
- **Commercial Electrical Supplies-** Manager approval.
- **Flat Screen Computer Monitor-** Must be in full working order. No scratches or damage. Must be 21 inch or larger and less than 2 inches thick.
- **Flat Screen TV-** Must be in full working order. No Major damage. Must be 27 inch or larger. Flat screen only. Less than 3 inches thick.
- **Floor lamp/table lamps-** Fully functional.
- **Light fixture-** Ceiling, can lights, hanging, wall mount, and exterior lights accepted. No excessive wear or rust. Must be fully functional, no broken globes and must include glass or globes and donor must wrap to protected for transport.
- **Wire-** New or used, any gauge or type. Minimum of 10 ft lengths.
- **Thermostats-** Digital or electronic only. Fully functioning.

## ***Flooring and Rugs***

- **Area rug/Carpet remnants-** New only for remnants. Like new for rugs. Carpet remnants from any residential must be approved at the donation bay. (Drop off only) staining, damage, or odors and we will have to decline. Rugs can be scheduled for pick up if they qualify. We must be able to unroll and inspect. No scrap sizes. Finished edges must be intact with no fraying.
- **Laminate Flooring-** New, full pieces only. Minimum of 100 sq ft. No rot or damage.
- **Tile-** Ceramic, porcelain, marble, granite. New only. Full pieces must be ready to install. Minimum of 5 boxes or 100 sq ft of the same tile required.
- **Vinyl Flooring-** Tiles or rolls. New only in original packaging. No cracks or damage. Minimum of 100 sq ft. Must be manufactured after 1980. Absolutely no 9" tile. (Contains Asbestos)
- **Wall Tile-** Must be full pieces ready to install. Minimum of 5 boxes of the same tile or 50 sq ft.
- **Wood flooring-** Must be in good condition with nails removed. No rot or other damage. Minimum of 100 sq feet required for pickup. Maximum pickup length 14' due to truck size. Tongue and grooves must be intact.

## ***Furniture (Must not be left out in inclement weather)***

- **Arm Chair-** Must be free of rips, stains, odors, tears, excessive wear and pet hair.
- **Armoire-** Only for clothing, not TV armoire's.
- **Bed frame-** Must be disassembled for pick up and have all pieces and hardware attached.
- **Bookcase-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board bookcases must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **Bookshelf-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board bookshelves must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **Buffet-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board buffets must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **Bunk bed-** Must be disassembled with all the hardware bagged and attached prior to pick up.
- **Chaise lounge-** This item must be free of rips, stains, odors, tears, excessive wear and pet hair.
- **Chest-** Solid wood construction only with minimal wear and tear. Vintage always welcomed.
- **Chest of drawers-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board chest of drawers must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **China cabinet-** Solid wood construction only. Shelves and glass must be included.
- **Coffee table-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board coffee tables must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **Couch-** This item must be free of rips, stains, odors, tears, excessive wear and pet hair.  
**No sleeper sofas or hide a beds even if mattress is removed.**
- **Credenza-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board credenzas must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **Desk Chair/office chair-** This item must be free of rips, stains, tears, excessive wear and pet hair. Must be fully functioning. Wheels must be included (if applicable) More than 5 needs manager approval. Manager will need pics.
- **Desk-** Must be a reasonable size and easily carried by 2 people, minimal damage, fully functioning with all pieces, no locked drawers without keys. No L-Shaped or executive style desks, unless approved by manager. Manager must be sent pics.
- **Dining room/Kitchen Table-** Must be in good condition without excessive scratching, discoloration, and must be fully functioning without repair needed. Chairs not required, but preferred.
- **Dresser-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board dressers must be new in box or in excellent condition.



- **Dresser with mirror-** Mirror should be detached from dresser for pickup and preferably wrapped for transport. Solid wood construction only. Particle board dressers must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **End table/Night stand/Side table** - Solid wood construction only. Particle board end tables must be new in box or in excellent condition.
- **Entertainment center-** Not accepted.
- **Framed Art-** Must be in good condition. Frames without are accepted ONLY if in excellent condition.
- **Futon-** Futon frames only in excellent condition. No mattresses.
- **Headboard-Footboard** - Not accepted unless vintage or antique and manager must approve. Manager must be sent pics.
- **Home Décor-** We accept home decor items such as floor vases, faux plants, and sculptures and they must be in excellent condition or vintage.
- **Hutch-** Solid wood construction only. Particle board hutch must be new or in excellent condition.
- **Love seat-** This item must be free of rips, stains, tears, odor, excessive wear and pet hair. **No sleeper sofas or hide a beds even if mattress is removed.**
- **Mattresses/Box Springs-** We do not accept mattresses or box springs.
- **Mirror-** Must have a frame. Maximum size 4 ft x 5 ft. We do not accept unframed or plate glass mirrors.
- **Ottoman-** This item must be free of rips, stains, odors, tears, excessive wear and pet hair.
- **Patio furniture-** Must be clean and fully functional. Minimal damage. No mold.
- **Recliner/Rocking chair** - This item must be free of rips, stains, odors, tears, excessive wear and pet hair.
- **Sectional sofa-** This item must be free of rips, stains, tears, excessive wear and pet hair. No sleeper sofas or hide a beds. ALL PIECES MUST BE INCLUDED.
- **Sleeper Sofa/Hide a Bed-** We do NOT accept sleeper sofas or hide a bed even without the mattress.
- **TV stand-** Must be intended for flat screens ONLY. No older entertainment stands are accepted any longer. Solid wood construction only. Minimal damage. Particle board TV stands must be new in box or in excellent condition.

## ***Hardware and Tools***

- **Hardware** – All hardware must be in good usable condition with no rust or excessive paint and if applicable, must have their matches.
- **Ladder-** New Only. Other ladders accepted as decorative only. Must be vintage and provide pictures before approved.

- **Lawn mower-** Must be fully functional. Gas must be removed or cordless lawn mowers must be in good condition and fully functional. NO REPAIRS SHOULD BE NEEDED.
- **Tools-** All tools must have a safety guard that is fully functioning, if applicable. Less than 10 years old preferred. Must have all parts. No electric hand tools with all metal bodies. All gas must be drained before donated. All tools should be reasonably clean.
- **Vacuum-** Must be in good working condition and cleaned.

## *Outdoor*

- **Brick and Block-** Full pieces, no broken pieces, with no mortar/cement. Landscape block must be free of dirt. If pick up required, must be palletized only 3 bricks high, one block high. Larger donations require donor provide a forklift at time of pick up.
- **Fire Pit-** Complete and well maintained. Metal fire pits must have minimal rust and no burn holes in metal.
- **Fencing-** Wood, composite, chain link, chicken wire, orange construction fence, silt fence, erosion control, snow fence, etc. Minimum lengths of 10 ft.
- **Grill-** Complete and well maintained with minimal rust. No burn holes. Must be in working order. Propane tanks not accepted.
- **Landscape Edging-** New or used. No broken pieces. Minimum 6-foot length. If stone or brick it must be on short stacked pallets.
- **Landscape fabric-** Full or partial rolls accepted.
- **Landscape stone/rock-** Wall, veneer, landscape stone accepted. Must be clean with mud or mortar/cement removed. Small landscape rock must be in bags or buckets and easily carried by driver at pick up.
- **Patio Furniture-** All types accepted. Little to no rust. Well maintained, sturdy. If plastic, not cracked or brittle. New like cushions only accepted even without the furniture. Must be clean and fully functional. Minimal damage. No mold.
- **Patio Heater-** Must be in good condition and safe for use.
- **Pump Sprayers-** No pump sprayers are accepted.

## *Windows*

- **Blinds-** Kids safe ONLY. Horizontal or Vertical. Must be new and in original sealed box only.
- **Curtains/Drapes/Valances-** New only unless vintage and bagged neatly. In original package with size clearly marked is preferred.
- **Curtain rods-** Wood or metal accepted if fully functioning.
- **Screens/Material-** Screen inserts must be in good condition, not bent or rusted. Screen material must be new. Full and partial rolls accepted.

- **Shutters (Wood or Vinyl)**- Vinyl shutters must not have cracking or heavy fading. All types must be in good condition with no damage, rot, mold or multiple layers of paint or excess peeling. Must have the matches.
- **Window**- Windows must be double-paned, in casings. Must be made for outdoor use. If just sash only, must be new. Wood or vinyl. No metal windows. Must include full window assembly. No rot, no broken glass or thermopane seals. Fully operational. Size must be less than 4 ft 5 ft. No odd shapes. Square or rectangle only. Single pane windows must be antique. (pre 1950)
- **Window (storm)** - Metal only. No wooden storm windows accepted unless antique farm window. Must be fully functional, no broken glass or seals. Fully operational. No torn screens. Prefer glass taped for transport. No odd shapes. Square or rectangle only, unless antique.

## *Other*

- **Exercise Equipment**- Requires managers approval.
- **Framed Art**- Must be in good condition. Frames without are accepted if in excellent condition. See also furniture.
- **Home Décor** - We accept home decor items such as floor vases, faux plants, wall art, sculptures, etc. All must be in re-sellable condition and fully functioning.
- **Stereo Equipment**- Not accepted.
- **Swing Sets/Play Sets**- Requires managers approval. Must be in excellent condition.
- **Unique Items**-Managers approval.