

County of San Mateo

RE-USE GUIDE

Where to Donate Unwanted Items



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
RECYCLEWORKS

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RecycleWorks Online ReUse Centers www.recycleworks.org/reuse_center.html See Notes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	Free local posting: www.freecycle.org www.communitywishlist.org www.craigslist.org		www.RecycleWorks.org/reuse_center.html offers information on reuse resources in San Mateo County.	
BOOKS for the BARRIOS 2350 Whitman Rd., Suite D Concord 925-687-7701 www.booksforthebarrios.com			X		X							X	Educational materials, art & school supplies, soccer & baseball equipment	Books: children's books only. No library discards, no US history or foreign language books. Accepts National Geographic magazine, toys, games and puzzles. Computer equipment: No Macs; Pentium II or better. *Call for pick-up information.	X*	Books for the Barrios collects educational learning aids and devices from schools, publishers and school children in the United States and delivers them to public schools in remote areas of the Philippines.	X
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula Menlo Park 650-322-8065 www.bgcp.org			X		X			X				X	Art & school supplies, sports equipment	Computer Equipment: Pentium III or better. Furniture: Sofas, bookshelves, chairs, and entertainment center equipment only. Sports Equipment: small items, basketballs, etc. *Call for pick-up information	X*	To guide and inspire the youth of our community to develop the attitudes and life skills they need to achieve their full potential.	X
Bridge to Asia Stanford University Bookstore (At Customer Service desk by the entrance) 519 Lasuen Mall Stanford 415-678-2990 www.bridge.org/books.html			X											Accepts only college-level books and above. Put books in a box and tightly tape shut. Call with questions.		Bridge to Asia serves university libraries in Asia and aids higher education in developing countries.	X
CALL Primrose Center 139 Primrose Rd. Burlingame 650-342-2255 www.callprimrose.org			X				X				X		Toiletries	Books for children & adults. Food: accepts home-grown produce, canned and packaged food. Medical: Canes, walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs.		CALL Primrose Center faithfully assists those in need on a path towards self-sufficiency by providing direct aid & referral services.	X

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Career Closet 1163 Chess Dr., Suite A Foster City 650-572-1368 www.careerclset.org				X									Shoes, costume jewelry, bras, purses	Women's interview and career clothing only. Must be clean, pressed and on hangers.		The Career Closet empowers economically disadvantaged women by providing suitable clothing and other services to ensure success in gaining and retaining employment.	X
InnVision Clara-Mateo Alliance 795 Willow Rd., Bldg 323-D Menlo Park 650-853-7066 www.innvision.org							X		X				Sleepwear and robes	Food: prepared food only. Household items: Bed linens, towels, & baby equipment. Call M-F before bringing items.		Clara-Mateo Alliance provides shelter and supportive services to individuals and families in need to assist them in obtaining stable housing and self-sufficiency.	X
CRC-Computer Recycling Center 370 West Caribbean Dr. Sunnyvale 1-888-8USEDPC (1-888-887-3372) www.crc.org					X	X								Accepts all electronics working or not except kitchen & bathroom appliances. See website for fees. *Large quantity pick up available for businesses.	X*	The Computer Recycling Center's mission is to "Reuse the best and recycle the rest," and to keep computer equipment out of the landfill.	X
Ecumenical Hunger Program East Palo Alto 650-323-7781 www.ehpcares.org	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Toys, children & infant items	Large Appliances: less than 8 years old. Computer equipment: less than 5 years old. Furniture: no tears, scratches, stains, or office furniture. Food: Fresh or unopened. *Picks 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; provides food, clothing, household essentials, social advocacy and referral services.	X
Family Connections Redwood City, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto Locations 650-556-9503 www.FamilyConnections.org			X									X	See wish list on website; children's car seats	Preschool children's books and toys.		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 & Marin Counties Multiple locations- call 1-888-4-GOODWILL or see www.sfgoodwill.org		X	X	X	X	X		X	X				Textbooks	Electronics: Computer and stereo equipment, TVs. Books: No encyclopedias or magazines. Household items: CDs, DVDs, & records; phones, including cell phones. Can drop off at stores and donation centers.		Goodwill Industries is an autonomous not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to creating solutions to poverty through workforce creation, social action and environmental stewardship.	X
Human Services Agency of San Mateo County Children's Fund Redwood City 650-599-3808 www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/childrensfund	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Medical: wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc. Drop off available in Belmont. *Pick-up possible.	X*	The Human Services Agency strives to promote self-sufficiency, increase family strength and stability, and improve community health.	X
Latino Commission/Entre Familia South San Francisco 650-244-1444 www.thelatinocommission.org	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				Computer equipment: 5 years old or less. Mattresses: Good condition only.	X	Nonprofit administering five residential homes primarily for Latino men and women with alcohol and drug problems.	X
Our Common Ground Redwood City (650) 364-7988 www.ocgworks.org	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	Baby and children's items	Mattress/box spring: twin size only.	X	Organization provides a treatment program for adolescents and adults with substance abuse addiction and mental health problems.	X
Parca Burlingame 1-877-997-2722 www.parca.org		X	X	X		X			X				X	Accepts working stereo equipment. TV's: 13 in. & smaller. Books: paperback only. Please call for pick up.	X	Parca provides quality programs, services and advocacy to people with developmental disabilities and their families.	X
Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA San Mateo 650-340-7022 x 389 www.peninsulahumanesociety.org			X	X	X	X		X	X				Pet supplies; sports equipment: bikes, tennis racquets, etc. Variety of items for animals	Old newspaper/bedding materials for pets. Items may be brought to Pick of the Litter store: 1127 Chula Vista, Burlingame. Please call first.		The PHS/SPCA, a private non-profit organization guided by the humane ethic, builds healthy relationships between people and animals.	X
Project 90 San Mateo 650-333-8574 www.projectninetynety.org	X	X		X		X	X	X						Clothing: men's and women's only; no clothing with advertisements. Food: Non-perishable.	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

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Puente de la Costa Sur Pescadero 650-879-1691 www.puentedelacostasur.org	X	X		X				X					Bikes, blankets, sleeping bags	Small appliances: Small TVs, microwaves. Furniture: small tables, cribs, strollers, cradles. Please call before donating or delivering.		The organization provides a single point of entry for men, women, and children on the South Coast to access safety net services, health and wellness services, leadership development, and community action.	X
Rebuilding Together Peninsula Redwood City 650-366-6597 www.rebuildingtogetherpeninsula.org	X												Accepts certain household items in <i>like new</i> condition, including carpeting and electrical fixtures.	Appliances: 3 years old or less. Call ahead to see if item is needed. *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 so they can live in warmth, safety and independence.	X
St. Francis Center Redwood City 650-365-7829 www.stfrancisrwc.org		X		X		X	X	X	X				Blankets, sheets, towels, child car seats	Clothing: casual & barely used: includes baby & children's clothing. Furniture: small pieces; Food: Non perishable food within the expiration date and fresh produce.		St. Francis Center helps needy families in the Redwood City area.	X
St. Vincent de Paul Society Locations in Daly City, South San Francisco, San Mateo & Redwood City 650-871-6844	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. Computers: computers & computer components. 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
The Salvation Army 1-800-958-7825 www.satruck.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X	X			*Call 650-266-4591 for Food only	X	The Salvation Army meets human needs in providing a hand to mankind.	X
Samaritan House San Mateo 341-4081 www.samaritanhouse.com				X			X						Baby supplies, toiletries, blankets, children's & adult bicycles	Clothing: infants-teens gently used clothing. Food: non-perishable food.		Samaritan House provides a broad range of services dedicated to meeting the needs of low-income residents within San Mateo County.	X

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Reading Partners Menlo Park 408-945-5720 www.readingpartners.org			X											Reading books only for kindergarten-4th grade levels. *May be available.	X*	Reading Partners recruits and trains community volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring to struggling students in partnership with local schools.	X
San Mateo County Interfaith Hospitality Network Burlingame 650-652-1103 www.smcihn.com							X		X				Baby Supplies	May also accept clothing. Call regarding donation arrangements.		The Interfaith Hospitality Network's purpose is to engage the interfaith community in helping homeless families regain and sustain independence.	X
Senior Coastsiders Next-to-New Thrift Store 515 Kelly Avenue Half Moon Bay 650-726-6543 www.SeniorCoastsiders.org			X	X				X	X				Bicycles-working or needing repair (all sizes)	Furniture: non-upholstered only. Call first. Closed Tues & Wed. Open: Mon, Th, Fri, Sat 10 am-4 pm, Sun 12-4 pm.		All proceeds support seniors on the coastside.	X
Shelter Network 1450 Chapin Ave., 2nd Floor Burlingame Other drop-off locations in Daly City & San Mateo. 650-685-5880 x 114 www.shelternetwork.org		X		X	X		X		X				Toiletries, linens, baby supplies, pots, pans, dishware, silverware	Computer equipment: must be working equipment 2 years old or less. No Macs, PCs only; must be able to use Windows 98.		Shelter Network is a nonprofit organization which provides housing and services for homeless families and individuals in San Mateo County.	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			X	Accessories, shoes, jewelry, CDs, DVDs	Books: current bestsellers and cookbooks. Furniture: Please call for authorization. No office or melamine furniture. Donations accepted T-Sat, 10 am to 5 pm. Shop Hours: M-Sat 10 am - 5 pm.		The Junior League of Palo Alto-Mid Peninsula, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.	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	Other Electronics: No TVs, fax machines or printers.		To provide 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 Redwood City 365-5772 x2 www.mhasmc.org		X		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
Uhuru Furniture & Collectibles Oakland 510-763-3342 furn_oak@apedf.org	X	X	X			X		X	X				Hot tubs, pianos, collectibles, estates	Please call for details on large appliances. No stoves.	X	Uhuru Furniture and Collectibles is a nonprofit fundraising institution of the African People's Education and Defense Fund, Inc. in support of economic development, education and health in the black community.	X
InnVision Opportunity Services Center Clothes Closet 33 Encina Ave. Palo Alto 650-853-8672 x201 www.innvision.org				X									Tents, Sleeping bags	Clothing: includes coats, gloves, hats, scarves & shoes. Household: toiletries, towels. Drop off at 33 Encina Avenue, Palo Alto M-F 8 am- 4 pm.		InnVision provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling to homeless and at-risk people in the Mid- Peninsula.	X
InnVision Urban Ministry Food Closet 425 Hamilton Ave. Palo Alto 650-325-3663 www.innvision.org							X							Accepts donations of canned and other non-perishable food. M-F 9:00 am-3:30 pm		Distributes bags of groceries to qualified homeless and low-income clients.	X
Vida-USA 6251 Hollis St. Emeryville 510-655-8281 www.vidausa.org											X			Hospital beds, crutches, wheelchairs, medical supplies and equipment. Drop-off permitted; organization picks up large amounts of materials.	X	Vida-USA provides assistance to health institutions and development projects that support people in need in Latin America, regardless of race, religion or politics.	X
Women's Recovery Association 650-348-6603 www.womensrecovery.org	X	X		X		X		X	X			X	Art supplies, costume jewelry and office supplies	Furniture: Not stained or torn. Call or e-mail before making donations.		The Women's Recovery Association assists women, girls and their families in recovering from chemical dependency and its secondary effects.	X

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Additional Resources

Bikes

The following places fix up old bikes for resale or donation:

The Bike Hut, San Francisco, 415-543-4335
www.thebikehut.com

Cardinal Bicycle Shop, Palo Alto, 650-328-8900
www.stanfordbikes.com

Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange, Mountain View. Accepts bikes 2nd Sat. of each month, January to November.
bikesiliconvalley.org/programs/bicycle-exchange - 650-269-6051
bikeexchange@svbcbikes.org

Pedal Revolution, San Francisco, 415-641-1264. www.pedalrevolution.com

St. Vincent De Paul Society, various locations in San Mateo County. 650-871-6844.
Accepts working bikes only.

Senior Coastsiders, Half Moon Bay. 650-726-6543.
www.seniorcoastsiders.org

Books

Most public libraries will accept books in good condition for sale to benefit the library. Please contact your library to see what items they accept before delivering materials.

Cars and other vehicles

Accepts vehicles in any condition – may depend on year & make:

***Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula**, 650-322-8065

***Goodwill Industries of San Francisco, San Mateo & Marin Counties**, 415-575-2116

PARCA, 1-877-997-2722

***Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA**, 650-340-7022 X389

St. Vincent De Paul Society, 1-800-937-7837
Accepts only vehicles in running condition:

***Auction City**, 650-367-7788

Project 90, 650-333-8574

***Uhuru Furniture & Collectibles**, 510-763-3342

***The Salvation Army**, 1-800-958-825

**Accepts other vehicles such as boats, RVs, etc.*

Cell Phones

Drop-off cell phones at these transfer stations: San Bruno Garbage Company, Blue Line (South San Francisco), and Coastside Scavenger/Seacoast Disposal (Pacifica). In addition, cell phone retailers are required by law to take back phones for reuse or recycling.

Eyeglasses

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

Miscellaneous Supplies for Art and School Projects

This organization accepts arts, crafts and unusual items for school education projects.

RAFT - Resource Area for Teaching Redwood City. Call before donating. 650-802-5505
www.raft.net

Packaging

Peanuts, Bubble Wrap, etc.

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

Pack and Mail, 1017 El Camino Real (located in Sequoia Station), Redwood City, 650-365-2892

Pak Mail, 201 S. Delaware #A, San Mateo, 650-342-8888

Savvy Skirts, 270 Capistrano Rd. Suite 8, Half Moon Bay, 650-560-0142. Please bag peanuts, do not mix with any other material. Call or e-mail sheri@savvyskirts.com before dropping material off.

Strawflower Electronics, 160 San Mateo Rd., Suite E, Half Moon Bay, 650-726-8181

The UPS Store, local locations:
www.ups.com

Remodeling

Many building materials can be donated to salvage yards for reuse.

Whole House Building Supply, East Palo Alto
650-328-8731
www.driftwoods salvage.com

For additional options, visit the RecycleWorks database and search under the category "Green Building" and the subcategory "salvage yards."

Recycling and Reuse Information for Greater Bay Area

Alameda County: 1-877-786-7927;
www.stopwaste.org

Palo Alto: 650-496-5910 or visit the Recyclopedia at www.cityofpaloalto.org/recycle

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

City and County of San Francisco: 415-554-7329; www.sfenvironment.org

Information

For recycling locations and information on other RecycleWorks programs, please contact us at:

1-888-442-2666
info@RecycleWorks.org
www.RecycleWorks.org

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