



percentage of the sale price. They specialize in clothing, sporting equipment, and antiques. See "Consignment Services" in the Yellow Pages or <http://businessfinder.oregonlive.com/OR-Portland/Consignment-Stores/2>.

4. Bulletin boards. Boards for community announcements may be available at your grocery store, Laundromat, credit union, college, or place of work.

Donating and Selling Household Items

Resale

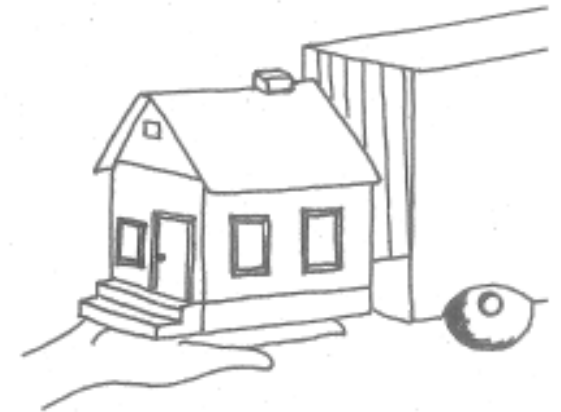
1. Classified ads. Ads can be placed in newspapers, newsletters, and advertisers such as Nickel Ads, 800-544-0505.

2. Garage sales. If you don't have enough items to hold a sale, team up with friends and neighbors. The good weather season from late spring to early fall is the best time for sales. You can advertise in the classifieds and put signs up. Keep prices low if your main interest is selling a lot of items.

3. Consignment or retail shops. These shops will either purchase your items outright or sell your items and give you a



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Recirculating usable goods helps save the Earth's resources. What do you have in storage that might be donated or sold to someone else?



Guidelines for Donating

Acceptable items: Charitable organizations will accept your reusables and either sell them in thrift stores or donate them to needy people. Some offer regular pick-up services while others have attended donation sites. Goods generally in demand are clothing, housewares, home furnishings, linens, small appliances, furniture, sporting goods, games and toys, hand and power tools, and lawn and garden tools.

Not acceptable: certain items are either too costly to repair or not enough in demand for the organization to handle economically. Some non-profits say that up to 30 per cent of the items given to them have to be landfilled. For example, none will accept furniture that requires reupholstering, broken appliances, or tires.

Sometimes acceptable: Questionable items are non-working large appliances, non-low-flush toilets, console TVs and

stereos, mattresses and box springs, and wall-to-wall carpets. See the Metro Recycling Information Web site, www.metro-region.org (click on “find a recycler”), or call 503-234-3000 for information about these items.

Where to Donate:

1. Building materials. Reusable doors, windows, cabinets, light fixtures, plumbing fixtures, tile, bricks, clean lumber, clean carpet, electrical supplies, hardware, tools and more may be accepted by:

The Rebuilding Center: 503-331-1877
Habitat for Humanity ReStore: 503-287-6247

2. Pick-up services for household items. Call some of the agencies below to ask about your proposed donation.

ARC: 800-379-2424
Children’s Club: 503-257-8035
Francis Center: 503-775-6784
Oregon Community Warehouse: 503-235-8786
Rain Adult Living: 503-232-0394 x28
Reach Community Development: 503-231-0682
Salvation Army: 800-958-7825
Teen Challenge: 503-235-8208
Union Gospel Mission: 503-639-6488
Veterans Charities: 503-762-2202
Vietnam Veterans: 800-775-8387
William Temple House: 503-222-3328

3. Donation Stations. Call Metro Recycling Information to find the station

nearest you. Then call the organization to describe your donation.

Goodwill Industries: 503-233-6589
Salvation Army: 503-235-4192

4. Web sites for giving away and finding items.

Freecycle Portland:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycleportland>
Craigslis: <http://portland.craigslist.org>
EBay: <http://www.ebay.com/>

5. Collection drives. Church groups, schools, and social service organizations hold collection drives at certain times of year. Ask people in your community. Portland PTA accepts children’s clothing year-round to make available to needy students. Box your items, mark “Clothing Center, Marshall High School,” and drop off at your local school.

6. S.C.R.A.P. The nonprofit accepts wire, yarn, fabric, buttons, and other items that can be used by teachers and artists. Call 503-294-0769.

