# **REUSE GUIDE**



Reuse is about saving. Not just saving money, but saving energy, raw materials and landfill space — and that's good for our environment and our pocketbooks. Donate, fix, rent, share, and buy and sell used to get maximum use out of items before sending them to the landfill.

# Donate

When you decide to replace household items or update your wardrobe, donate reusable items to outlets that can find a new home for them.

When you donate...

- Make sure your items are clean and in good condition.
- Contact the organization to make sure they accept the items you're donating. Second-hand stores do not accept firearms, construction debris, hazardous waste or mattresses. Never leave items outside of drop-off locations.
- Ask for a receipt in case your donation is tax deductible.

# CHARITIES AND THRIFT SHOPS

Donate clean, used clothing and accessories, shoes, books, toys, bedding, furniture and home goods at these charity and thrift shops. See a full list at www.dakotacounty.us, search *reuse*.

- CHAP Store/Victory Value 2020 E. Highway 13, Burnsville, 952-890-8222
- Goodwill Industries Thrift Store
  - 7320 153rd St., Apple Valley, 952-953-4410
  - 1247 Northwood Parkway, Eagan, 651-994-7907
  - 17625 Kenrick Ave., Lakeville, 952-435-7050
- 1361 S. Robert St., West St. Paul, 651-451-2014
- Neighbors Inc. Clothes Closet 222 W. Grand Ave., South St. Paul, 651-455-0447
- Rivertown Treasures 301 Second St. E., Hastings, 651-437-7134
- The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store
  - 14191 Irving Ave., Burnsville, 952-435-7462
  - 1110 Vermillion St., Hastings, 651-319-0329
- Savers 7608 W. 150th St., Apple Valley, 952-432-7263
- Treasures Galore 1964 Rahncliff Court, Suite 800, Eagan, 651-500-9554
- UNIQUE Thrift Store
  14308 Burnhaven Drive, Burnsville, 952-898-0988

### DROP BOXES

Use these containers to donate clothing, footwear, accessories and linens.

Apple Valley

• U-haul, 6895 W. 151st St.

Burnsville

• Red Wing Shoe Store, 3403 W. Highway 13

Eagan

- Matt's Car Wash, 3380 Coachman Road
- Shell, 4206 Nichols Road

Farmington

- Celt's Pub, 200 3rd St.
- Farmington Conoco, 957 8th St.
- Schmitz-Maki Arena, 114 Spruce St.

Hampton

• Hampton Pump & Grocery (Phillips 66) 23450 Emery Ave.

Hastings

- Hastings Civic Arena, 2801 Redwing Blvd.
- Jiffy Lube, 1318 S. Frontage Road
- Roadside Pump & Grocery, 225 W. 11th St.

Inver Grove Heights

- Holiday Station, 9087 Broderick Blvd.
- Mt. Bethel Methodist Church, 3239 E. 70th St.
- Sinclair Gas Station, 6466 Cahill Ave.
- Trestle Stop Marathon, 9717 S. Robert Trail
- Grace Nazarene Church, 7950 Blaine Ave. E. Lakeville
  - Threads and Inks, 20137 Icenic Trail
  - River Country Co-op, 9290 202nd St.



### DROP BOXES (CONTINUED)

Lilydale

• BP of Lilydale, 966 Sibley Memorial Highway

Mendota Heights

• Friendly Hills Middle School, 701 Mendota Heights Road

#### Rosemount

- Marathon Gas, 14685 S. Robert Trail
- Marcus Theatre, 15280 Carrousel Way
- The Car Spa, 15215 W. Canada Ave.
- Rosemount American Legion, 14590 W. Burma Ave.
- BP/Rosemount Auto Service, 14460 S. Robert Trail
- Shell Food Mart, 7468 167th St.
- Splash Ent, 15215 Canada Ave.
- Super America/Hasbrouch, 14515 Dodd Blvd.

#### South St. Paul

- Clothier Design Source, 165 Bridgepoint Drive West St. Paul
  - Red Wing Shoe Store, 2012 S. Robert St.

#### Vermillion

• Vermillion Pump & Market, 108 Park Ave.

### PICK-UP

These not-for-profit agencies provide at-home pick-up for donated items.

- Bridging, Inc.: www.bridging.org, 952-888-1105
- Courage Center: www.couragepickup.com 952-881-1100
- Disabled American Veterans: www.dav.org 651-487-2002
- Donation Town (pick-up service):
  www.donationtown.org
- Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota: www.epilepsyfoundationmn.org, 800-779-0777
- Lupus Foundation of Minnesota: www.lupuspickup.org, 651-748-0400
- Salvation Army: www.salvationarmynorth.org 612-332-5855
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore: www.tchabitat.org 612-588-3820

# SPECIALTY ITEMS

#### Books

Hard cover and paperback.

- Dakota County Libraries: www.dakotacounty.us/library
- Tiny Free Libraries: www.littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap
- Half Price Books, 7600 W. 150th St., Apple Valley 952-431-0749
- Books for Africa, 635 Prior Ave. N., St. Paul www.booksforafrica.org
  - Also accepts textbooks year 2000 and newer.
- A Greener Read, 506 Kenny Road, St. Paul 651-702-2552

#### **BUILDING MATERIALS**

Construction and remodeling materials, furniture and appliances.

- Better Futures Minnesota, 3620 Minnehaha Ave. Minneapolis, 612-455-6133
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore Pick-up service available.
  - 510 W. County Road D, New Brighton 612-588-3820
  - 2700 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis, 612-588-3820

#### ENTERTAINMENT

CDs and DVDs.

• Dakota County Library: www.dakotacounty.us/library

#### INSTRUMENTS

Musical instruments large and small.

- Schools in need: www.instrumentsinthecloud.org
- Band for All (ISD 196): Michelle.Hoff@district196.org 651-683-6970
- Keys 4/4 Kids (pianos): 651-698-3280 www.keys44kids.org

#### MATTRESSES AND FURNITURE

Clean mattresses, box springs and furniture.

- Bridging Inc., 201 87th St. W., Bloomington 651-631-3255
  - Pick-up service available for a fee.

#### PET SUPPLIES

Gently used pet supplies for The Pet Project and other pet rescue projects.

- PetCo
  - 7590 W. 150th St., Apple Valley, 952-891-2262
  - 14051 S. Aldrich Ave., Burnsville, 952-898-4543
- Wags & Whiskers: Schedule a donation at wagswhiskersmn@gmail.com

# Buy Used

Score great deals on unique home furnishings and designer fashions. From thrift stores and classified websites to online trading communities and yard sales there are bargains galore to save you money on what you need.

Use care when buying these items used.

- Anything that plugs in: Ask to test the device.
- Bicycle helmets: Check accident history.
- Child car seats: Check expiration date, crash history, and recall list. Recall information available at www.cpsc.gov/recalls.
- Cribs/children's furniture: Check for incorrect assembly and recalls. Recall information available at www.cpsc.gov/recalls.
- Mattresses/bedding: Check for signs of mold, mites, bacteria and bodily fluids.
- Makeup: Can contain bacteria or spread contagious diseases.
- Software: May be unusable if serial number is already registered.

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- Amazon: www.amazon.com choose "used" as a filter option
- E-bay: www.ebay.com choose "used" as a filter option
- Craigslist: www.craigslist.com
- NextDoor: www.nextdoor.com
- FreeCycle: www.freecycle.org
- Facebook Sale Groups: www.facebook.com search sale groups in your area (Example: Apple Valley Sale Group)
- Flea Market Finder: www.market.shopify.com
- Garage Sales by Map: www.gsalr.com

#### SWAP SPOTS

Use these locations to safely exchange with online sellers.

- Dakota County Law Enforcement Center lobby 1580 Highway 55, Hastings Open 24/7
- Dakota County Juvenile Service Center 1600 Highway 55, Hastings West parking lot near blue security pillar. Building and lot monitored Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Local police station

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Hard-cover or paperback.

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#### **CHILDREN'S AND MATERNITY ITEMS**

Clothes, toys, furniture and maternity wear.

- Consignment Mommies: www.consignmentmommies.com
- Just Between Friends community events: www.justbetweenfriends.com
- Kid's Carousel, 1975 1/2 Silver Bell Road, Eagan 651-688-3310
- Once Upon a Child, 1100 E. County Road 42, Burnsville 952-432-8802

#### ENTERTAINMENT

CDs and DVDs.

- Dakota County Library: www.dakotacounty.us/library
- f.y.e. for your entertainment, 1096 Burnsville Center Burnsville, 952-898-7816

#### INSTRUMENTS

Musical instruments large and small.

- The Guitar Shop, 14555 S. Robert Trail, Suite 205 Rosemount, 651-344-8177
- Music Go Round Burnsville, 14025 Grand Ave. Burnsville, 952-435-3003
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#### **SPORTING EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING**

- Sporting goods, exercise equipment and athletic wear.
- 2nd Wind Exercise, 14033 Grand Ave. S., Burnsville 952-892-6300
- Play It Again Sports
  - 1256 Town Centre Drive, Eagan, 651-452-8151
  - 2020 S. Robert St., West St. Paul, 651-451-1255
  - 13941 Alrich Ave. S., Burnsville, 952-898-1878
- ReFit Athletic, 1100 County Road 42 E., Burnsville 952-997-3348
  - Women's athletic & outdoor clothing.

#### VIDEO GAMES

- Level Up Games, 207 S. 13th Ave., South St. Paul 651-493-9176
- f.y.e. for your entertainment, 1096 Burnsville Center Burnsville, 952-898-7816
- Game Stop
  - 15465 Cedar Ave., Apple Valley, 952-891-6020
  - 14017 Grand Ave., Burnsville, 952-898-4801
  - 3344 Promenade Ave., Eagan, 651-452-7080
  - 2008 Robert St. S., West St. Paul, 651-552-9515

# Sell Used

Earn extra cash by selling stuff you no longer need or use at a garage or yard sale or on one of these online sites.

# ONLINE

- Amazon: www.amazon.com
- E-bay: www.ebay.com
- Craigslist: www.craigslist.com
- NextDoor: www.nextdoor.com
- FreeCycle: www.freecycle.org
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# Fix-it (Clinics)

New is not always better, nor it is always necessary. Get help fixing your household and clothing items for free at a monthly Dakota County Fix-it Clinic. Residents can bring everything from clothes to jewelry and coffee makers to vacuums for free help with repairs. You'll be helping your environment, but your pocketbook will thank you too.

If you like troubleshooting repairs on broken items or mending clothes, consider volunteering at a Fix-It Clinic.

www.dakotacounty.us, search Fix-it Clinics.

# **Rent & Share**

Dakota County Library: www.dakotacounty.us/library. Borrow books, audiobooks, music, movies, and fitness and maker equipment.

- Minnesota Tool Library: www.mntoollibrary.org. Borrow thousands of tools.
- Local businesses: Rent party supplies, tools, formal dresses, textbooks, moving boxes and more.
- Peerby or LendPal apps: Lend items to or borrow items from your neighbors.