

# Charities That Offer Free Donation Pickup

Do you have items to donate, but can't drop them off? Check out our list of charities that will pick up donations from your home.

Now that you've made the decision to move, it's time to take a look at the stuff you've accumulated over the years and separate what you don't need from what's going with you. Some items may be ideal to feature in a *garage sale*, others are definitely destined for the garbage collector. That said, there may be a lot of perfectly good items that you no longer need or want, but someone else could still use.

Fortunately, many major charities offer free pickup for gently used items in good condition. Even better, most have user-friendly online scheduling forms to request a pickup along with details about what types of items they accept.

Here's a list of national charities that offer pickup service:

#### The Arc

The Arc has been supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1950. They have more than 600 state and local chapters throughout the U.S., with funding supported in part through thrift stores stocked with donated items. Visit *their website* to register and schedule your pickup. You can also schedule via phone at 1-800-283-2721.

#### **Furniture Bank Network**

The Furniture Bank Network, which operates in 34 states, gives used items to the working poor, formerly unhoused individuals, women and children escaping domestic violence, immigrants, and others unable to furnish their homes. Visit *their website* to see what's available in your area. Note that not all participating organizations will offer free pickups.

#### **Goodwill Industries**

Goodwill provides free pickup for clothing, books, toys, and small furniture. They also help people find jobs and gain skills, so your donations go to help your local community. You can schedule a pickup on *their website* or by calling your nearest donation center.



### **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore locations offer free pickup services in many areas for large items like furniture, cabinets, doors, and lighting. Proceeds help fund Habitat for Humanity's home building programs. Visit *their website* to schedule a pickup.

### PickUpMyDonation.com

PickUpMyDonation.com works with local non-profit thrift stores. Your request will go out to the nearest non-profit thrift store, and if they're interested, you'll have a pickup scheduled. However, if your haul isn't large enough to require a truck, they will direct you to your nearest drop-off location. Visit *their website* to make a donation request, listing the items you have.

#### **Pickup Please**

A relatively smaller but worthy program that helps support Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Pickup Please can usually schedule a pickup with 24 hours of notice, ideal if you're moving on a tight timeline. Visit *their website* and enter your ZIP Code to see if they operate in your area. If you aren't home at your scheduled pickup time, leave the items in bags or boxes outside your home labeled "VVA Donation Pickup."

## The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army offers free pickup services for large furniture like couches, dressers and tables then distributes them to those in need or sells them in their Family Stores to fund adult rehabilitation centers, food assistance, and disaster relief. You can schedule a pickup on *their website*. They usually pick up donations within three to five business days.

## **A Final Tip**

Want to jumpstart the process? If you're specifically looking to donate something large or bulky, instead of reaching out to each organization individually, use *DonationTown* to find a charity that can accommodate these items. Just enter your ZIP Code, and you'll get a list of charities in your area that provide free pickup.



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