## Here are some tips that can help our thrift boutique make the most of your donation:

Help us expedite the process for you and ensure you only bring in items we can accept for resale.

**Consider Condition:** Gently used items are always appreciated. Worn-in shoes, torn, frayed, or faded clothing, and anything well beyond its prime will most likely be disposed of at our expense. Please dispose of those items yourself.

**Pre-Wash Please:** We don't have the resources to launder items, so please ensure your clothing donations are clean! Household items should be clean and undamaged, too. Things that are not in usable condition are not sellable.

**Keep it Organized:** Putting like items together can expedite the donation process. Please take clothes off hangers and bag or box them separately from household items.

**Wrap it Up:** We would hate for any fragile items to be damaged before they can find their new owner! Please wrap breakables appropriately.

**Consider What It's Worth:** Before you drop it off, consider what value you want to claim on your tax deduction receipt. We can't advise an amount, but many professionals estimate the fair market value to be 30% of the item's original price.

## **WELCOME DONATIONS**

- Clean, gently used ADULT Clothing and Shoes Swimwear, NEW Undergarments, and Socks (with tags or in original packaging)
- Handbags with working zippers and closures
- Jewelry, Watches, and Accessories Backpacks, Gloves/Mittens, Hats, Luggage (new/gently used, zippers, etc., must work), Scarves, Sunglasses, Wallets
- Framed Art
- Vintage Clothing, Vintage Accessories, and Vinyl
- Small Home Décor Items and Collectibles Decorative Pillows and Linens, Standing Lamps and Desk Lamps
- New or Lightly Used Pet Items
- Housewares Cookware, Cutlery, Dishes, Glassware SETS, Silverware, Stemware SETS, Utensils
- Small Working Appliances Instapots, Food Processors, Hand-Held Mixers, Juicers, Espresso Machines, Toasters, Standing Mixers (for example, KitchenAid, Hamilton Beach, Le Creuset)
- Games & Puzzles (new or like-new condition)

Items should be in clean and sellable condition. Some items are subject to refusal. If we have to throw it away, it's an expense to us.

## **DONATIONS WE WILL NOT ACCEPT**

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept everything. Items broken, chipped, cracked, damaged, dirty, odorous, scratched, worn-out, stained, torn, wet, moldy, rusty, frayed, disassembled, smelling of smoke, or incomplete DO NOT SELL.

Items that have spent numerous seasons exposed to pet hair or the elements DO NOT SELL. Items that have survived a month of garage sales DO NOT SELL. We are forced to haul items like these to the dump, which is costly and wasteful and takes away funds from our programs and the animals and people we serve. There are also several specific items that we cannot accept for various reasons.

We reserve the right to accept and not accept items on a case-by-case basis.

- Absolutely NO Furs, Ivory, Animal Teeth, Feet, Tails, Antlers, or "Taxidermy prepared" animals or parts
- No Ammunition or Firearms
- No Books
- No Furniture
- No Used Undergarments or Socks No individual Bikini Bottoms or Tops
- No Extra Large or Oversized Pet Beds, Crates, or Cat Trees
- No Children's Items No Baby Furniture, Car Seats, Children's Clothing, Toys, Cribs, Highchairs, Strollers
- No Christmas Trees or Stands (Other Xmas decor accepted Sept. through Dec.)
- No Clothing Hangers
- No Cosmetics or Toiletries
- No Helmets or Lifejackets
- No Exercise Equipment and No Sporting Goods No Bowling Balls, Exercise Bikes and Treadmills, Golf Equipment, Ski Equipment, Tents, Sleeping Bags/Pads, Yoga Mats
- No Food Products
- No Hazardous Materials and No Chemicals No Cleaners, Fire Extinguishers, Fluorescent/CFL Bulbs, Paint, Smoke Detectors, Bear or Pepper Spray
- No Inflatable Items
- No Medical Supplies or Equipment
- No Media No CDs, Encyclopedias, home-recorded tapes, VHS Tapes
- No Blinds, Curtains, or Window Dressings, Fabric or Remnants, Used Pillows, Blankets, Sheets, or Sleeping Bags, Towels, Torn/Tattered Rugs, Electric Blankets, Hardwired Light Fixtures, Metal Pots and Pans with rust or grime, Old Cookware or Enamelware that is chipped, peeling, or badly scratched, Ironing Boards, Lampshades, Bread or Rice Makers
- Unacceptable Types of Electronics No E-Waste or Broken Items, Copiers, Printers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Humidifiers, Dehumidifiers, Air Purifiers
- No Major Appliances
- No TVs
- No Steam Cleaners or Vacuum Cleaners
- No Recalled Items https://www.recalls.gov/