

Resources for Reuse

Donation before destruction. While throwing something away can be convenient, it's also *permanent*.

Unfortunately, all too many things that are disposed of are actually still useable and could have been valued by someone else. There are many programs that can help reduce waste, save space in our landfill, protect the environment, contribute to the local economy and conserve resources for future generations - all while making economical goods available to local families. The following listings are for groups that are involved in purchasing, reselling or otherwise reusing unwanted goods. This is only a small sampling of such organizations and is not an endorsement for any particular business or service. If you know of similar programs and services, let our office know!

- **Animal Welfare League of Frederick County**

Donate your car, boat, truck, RV, jet-ski or snowmobile to the Animal Welfare League of Frederick County and receive a tax deduction. www.awlfc.org/donate_car.php

- **Bikes for the World**

The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek works with this non-profit organization that ships bicycles to Africa, Latin America and other developing regions, where partner charities train and hire local people to recondition the bikes - generating bicycle sales and service jobs. The bikes are distributed to individuals in need of affordable transport to work, school, and health services. For more information, contact local volunteer collection managers Jean-Louis Lepage (jean-louis@custom-imprints.com) or Richard Foot (dickandsusanfoot@gmail.com).

- **Consignment Stores & Sales Events**

A simple internet search will show many local consignment opportunities, from retail stores to special events. Consignment is a great way to save money, earn money AND help keep materials out of the landfill! Visit www.kidscloset.biz or www.totswap.net for info on these special spring and fall consignment mega-events.

- **craigslist**

This website offers free classified ads for buying, trading, selling or giving away just about anything. www.frederick.craigslist.org

- **Frederick County Animal Control**

Visit their website to see what material goods are currently being accepted as donations. Items typically include pet cages, food and treats, kitty litter, pet toys, leashes, towels, bedding and blankets. <https://frederickcountymd.gov/120/Donate>

- **THE FREDERICK RESCUE MISSION**

The Rescue Mission provides free quality clothing and furniture to our community's working poor. Clothing, backpacks, furniture and appliance donations are accepted at 419 West South Street in Frederick, or pickup from your home can be arranged by calling: 301-695-6633. www.therescuemission.org

- **freecycle**

This nonprofit enables anyone to use the internet to find new homes for old goods as well as acquire good, used items *for free*. Their mission is to build a worldwide gifting movement to reduce waste while enabling members to benefit from the resources of a larger community. www.freecycle.org

- **Goodwill Industries of Monocacy Valley**

By donating to or buying things from Goodwill, you not only reuse items but also support job training and placement programs for people with disabilities and disadvantages. Stores take in and resell a wide variety of items AND offer *recycling* of unsaleable textiles and electronics. Six locations: 400 E. Church Street, 5831 Buckeystown Pike and 101 Willowdale Drive in Frederick, 805 E Main Street in Middletown, 8425 Woodsboro Pike in Walkersville and 202 E. Main Street, Thurmont. www.gimv.org

- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

This retail outlet provides quality used and surplus building materials and home furnishings at a fraction of normal prices. Proceeds help fund the construction of Habitat houses within our community. To buy or donate useable construction materials, windows, doors, furnishings and appliances visit their store at 917 N. East Street in Frederick. For more information call (301) 662-2988.

www.frederickhabitat.org/restore

- **Pickup Please**

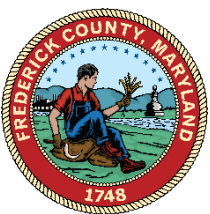
Donations of clothing and a wide variety of other household goods to Pickup Please generate the majority of the funding to support the many local, state, and national programs of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Items are picked up directly from your household or business and service is easy to schedule through their website: www.pickupplease.org

- **swap.com**

This is an online consignment store where you can buy or sell new and pre-owned clothes, toys and games. They do all the work for selling (providing pre-paid shipping labels, photographing your items and listing them for sale for you) and, for buyers, their site is as easy as any online shopping experience – but better, because it reduces waste! www.swap.com

Know of other resources/organizations/events that promote reuse? Have ideas on how our residents can waste less? Let us know!

Email your comments to: ACreamer@FrederickCountyMD.gov or join the lively community conversation at www.Facebook.com/FrederickRecycles.



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