Spring Cleaning Recycling Guide

This year as you do your spring decluttering around the house, think about avoiding the landfill for some of your unwanted goods! Donation centers are typically overwhelmed with items so below are some creative programs that take specific items and recycle them.

General Recycling Tip search engines:

* <https://search.earth911.com/?utm_source=earth911-header>
* <https://thinkoutsidethebin.com/>

**Personal Items**

**Cloths**

Veterans Clothing

* Call and they pick up the cloths!
* 18888218982
* <https://pickupplease.org/donation-program/>

Lupus

* Call, Set up pick up & they leave you a tax form for discount.
* <https://www.lupus.org/ways-to-give/donate-household-goods>

Blue Jeans go Green

* Recycles blue jeans
* <https://bluejeansgogreen.org/recycle-denim/>

Northface

* Recycles any clothing brand at stores
* <https://www.thenorthface.com/about-us/responsibility/product/clothes-the-loop.html>

H&M

* Recycle drop off box at stores

Council for textile recycling

**Bras**

Bra Recyclers

* clothing recycling company specializing in bras and other lingerie
* <https://www.brarecycling.com/drop-off-locations>

**Formal wear**

Kathryn’s Closet

* Formal dresses & Prom dresses
* For cloths in good condition
* <https://www.catherinescloset.org/donate.html>

Dress for Success

* Business cloths for interviews
* For cloths in good condition
* <https://centralnj.dressforsuccess.org/get-involved/donate/>

**Shoes**

Nike grind

* Recycles athletic shoes
* Store in Paramus NJ
* <https://www.nike.com/help/a/recycle-shoes>

**Glasses**

Lense crafters

* Drop off used eye glasses to the store and they will recycle and donate them
* Always good to call first and check if the store participates in the program
* <https://www.lenscrafters.com/onesight>
* <https://www.lenscrafters.com/lc-us/faq>

Walmart Optical

* Drop of eye glasses and they donate to the Lion’s Club
* Always good to call first and check if the store participates the program
* <https://lionshelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360041826313-Where-can-I-donate-my-old-eye-glasses-or-hearing-aids->

**Makeup**

Origins

* At makeup counters
* Accepts any brand
* <https://recyclenation.com/2016/12/return-to-origins/#:~:text=Just%20drop%20off%20your%20empty,sponges%20or%20tools%20like%20tweezers>.

Aveda

* At makeup counters
* <https://www.aveda.eu/living-aveda/responsible-packaging>
* fullcirclerecycling@aveda.com

Kiehl’s

* At makeup counters
* <https://www.kiehls.com/future-made-better.html>

Wandsforwildlife

* Mascara wands
* <https://wandsforwildlife.org/wandraisers/>

Others: <https://fashionista.com/2017/04/recycle-empty-makeup-beauty-products>

**House Hold Items**

**Towels**

* Donate to your Local Animal Shelter

**Luggage & backpacks**

Forster care agency

* + Contact your local foster care agency and ask them if they need luggage.
  + <https://www.suitcaseshope.com/donatesupplies>

Give a kid a backpack

* <http://giveakidprojects.org/programs/give-a-kid-a-backpack/>

**Arts & crafts & Toys**

Crayons

* <https://www.crazycrayons.com/recycle-program/>

Candles

* Yankie Candles
* Either sign up and ship your empty candles or drop off in a participating store
* <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/newell-home-fragrance>

Legos

* Send back all your broken or old mismatched legos and they donate them to kids in need
* <https://givebackbox.com/lego/>

**Tools & Furniture:**

Habitat for humanity restore

* <https://www.habitat.org/restores>

**Mattress**

CJP Group

* <https://cjpgroup.net/>

**Trophies**

* Some Local trophy shops will take old trophies to reuse parts

**Carpet**

Carpet Recovery

* For unusable carpet
* <https://carpetrecovery.org/>
* NJ location: <https://www.carpetcycle.com/>

Habitat for humanity

* For reusable carpet
* <https://www.habitat.org/restores/donate-goods>

**Holiday lights**

* Mail them your broken or old holiday lights and they send you a coupon!
* <https://www.holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling>

**Thin plastic recycling**

Certain ShopRites, Walmarts, Lowe’s, Kohl’s

* Check the website below for locations
* <https://how2recycle.info/sdo>
* What can be recycled: <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/plastic-film-education-individuals/learn-whats-recyclable/>

**Plastic Garden Pots**

Home Depot

* Bring back the plastic pots you get when you buy a plant and they will reuse or recycle them
* <https://corporate.homedepot.com/newsroom/plant-it-again-plant-pot-recycling-program>

**Pots & pan**

Local Metal recyclers

* <https://earth911.com/home-garden/how-to-recycle-your-old-cookware/>
* <https://iscrapapp.com/locator-results/?SearchTxt=NJ>

**Britta Filters**

* <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/brita-brigade>

**Books & movies**

Free neighborhood library

Library, schools

**Icepacks**

* Local food banks, meals on wheels,

**Electronics**

Apple

* Only for apple products
* At Apple stores
* <https://www.apple.com/recycling/nationalservices/>

Best Buy

* <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>

Greendisk recycling

* Ship more large scale amount for e waste
* <https://greendisk.com/gdsite/Default.aspx>

**Ink Toner & batteries**

Office Depot

* <https://business.officedepot.com/a/content/prelogin/recycling-solutions/>

Call to recycle

* <https://www.call2recycle.org/>