

## Second Life for Stuff

Welcome to a listing of places mostly in East Denver to recycle household items and clothing to help others in need. These are all places that are wonderful and could use volunteers of time, money, energy, and help. Of course the standard places for donations: Goodwill, ARC, Salvation Army, Viet Vets pick up (pickupdate.org) are always good, but if you have specific items like socks, blankets towels and other used item, know that most of these shelters would be happy to take gently-used lightly-loved items.

If you have other suggestions and find errors, please let me know. This is really just a starting list to encourage you to reduce, reuse, reclaim and mostly RECYCLE into our community. Thank you for your support.

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### SHELTERS

**Aurora Day Resource Day Shelter:** 13387 E 19<sup>th</sup> (Anschutz Center) 303-343-7808. Great group who shelter people during the day and then they can be bused to northern location. Towels, blankets, backpacks, toiletries, new underwear and socks, etc.

**Colorado Coalition for the Homeless:** 3737 Quebec. Called Fusion. 303-999-9040 Lela Pride. People are housed in a former hotel. Need easy cooking items like crock pots, toaster ovens; double bed sheets, towels. Canned food is good along with toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. Call first.

**Comitis:** 2178 Victor St (Anschutz location). 303-343-9890. Men/women/families/vet shelter. Oldest shelter in Denver, Takes almost everything. Call for suggestions (towels, blankets, toiletries).

**Denver Rescue Mission:** 1130 Park Ave. 303-294-0157. Men's work clothing/food/sleeping bags etc. Several locations. Great organization. See also Ministry Outreach below

**Ministry Outreach Center:** 5725 E. 39<sup>th</sup> (off of Holly east one block). Takes canned food (up to one year after expiration!), clothing, furniture, needs baby wipes and diapers 4,5,6, men's new underpants (not jockeys). Big loading dock. Ring the green bell. Absolutely a fabulous place run by the Denver Rescue Mission. Wonderfully organized. Shelly Harwood: 303-297-1815 x 1445.

**Samaritan House:** 2301 Lawrence 303-294-0241. Takes most bedding/household items. Call first. Bobby: 303—349-1230. Rick, driver: 720-926-5179

**St. Francis Center:** 2323 Curtis Street. 303-297-1576. Fabulous day shelter; need shower hygiene products, towels, foot powder, Vaseline, men's pants [Ellie@sfcdenver.org](mailto:Ellie@sfcdenver.org). Email for current needs.

**Urban Peak:** 1630 Acoma. Helps get teens off the street; nice teen appropriate clothing 303-777-9198.

### GOOD GROUPS TO SUPPORT

**Assistance League:** 6265 Evans (at Monaco). Thrift Store: Take nice clothes on hangers, household items. (720-638-3650 x2; call for app't. They have a medical room and lend all kinds of medical products crutches, wheel chairs etc.720-638-3650 for app't. You can donate all your hospital-type products.

**BUDS Warehouse:** 13280 E. Mississippi. 303-296-3990 x2 for donations. Anything you can rip out of house they will take; have pick-ups for larger items. A Home-Depot for everyone!

**Casa de Paz:** 720-500-2272. [sjackson@casadepazcolorado.org](mailto:sjackson@casadepazcolorado.org). Helps immigrant families connect with each other. Needs backpacks, toiletries, other items. Call for info

**Catholic Charities:** Linda: 720-799-9294 call for what they need. One location: 6240 Smith Road.

Children's books, school items.

**Community Network.** 720-975-0155 x 18. 1685 Kingston St. Mile High Behavioral Care. Jeremy Sterns.

**DAVA:** Downtown Aurora Visual Arts: 1405-19 Florence St. 303-367-5886. This is right south off of Colfax and is great for anything artistic: paper, art supplies, or creative items.

**Denver Animal Shelter** 1241 W. Bayaud; 720-913-1311 Soft items , torn quilts, bedspread, dog food, etc. City run. Great place to adopt a pet, too.

**Denver Dumb Friends:** 2080 S. Quebec 303-696-4941. Soft blankets, towels, comforters rags, and newspapers. Old torn bedding OK—no pillows.

**Florence Crittenton:** 96 S. Zuni. 720-423-8900. Single moms in need of baby items/furniture etc.

**Habitat for Humanity:** 780 S. Santa Fe Dr. 303-722-5863. Drop off items, T, Th, and Sat. Shopping all days.

**HARM Reduction Center:** 112 E. 8<sup>th</sup> (on the corner). 303-572-7800 Needs new men's underwear, hygiene items, pre-wrapped snacks. Counseling and clean syringes. (This is not for everyone, but truly, it's a great center.)

**Jewish Family Services:** 3201 S. Tamarac 303-597-5000. Very supportive group for family needs.

**Mental Health Center:** 303-892-5594 or Jamie Benny: 303-504-6806. Call and see their needs.

**Second Chance:** 9722 E 16<sup>th</sup> Aurora CO 303-537-5838. For people coming out of prison. Can use towels, jeans, socks, men's and women's clothing. Call to find out what they need now. (Really, a great group with a low recidivism rate. Very successful.)

**The Food Pantry at Village Exchange Center:** 1609 Havana 720-668-9968 On the corner; gives out food weekly in the summer, supplies families with food—canned and dry food accepted.. Very friendly. Call for current items.

**Senior Support Services:** 846 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. 303-832-1622 Great support for the elderly with computers, health outreach etc. Hot meals. Call for current needs.

**Volunteers of America** 303-295-2165. Offers meals, clothing banks, and other services. Call for what they need now. Lowry has a location: **VOA-Lowry:** 6756 E. Archer 720-389-5553. Food, cleaning supplies, books, towels, and other household items.

**Warren Village:** 1323 Gilpin 303-321-2345. Need baby stuff and household items. No truck; need to drop off items.

**Wee Cycle:** 20 S. Havana #210. 720-319-7792. Takes all kinds of baby gear, clothing etc, Not answering the phone right now, but their web site says all is good: weecycle.org.

### **CLOTHING**

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**Clothes To Kids:** 2890 S. Colorado Blvd Suite M-3 (across from Chez Artiste). Second Sat of the month. Donate on hangars. Call to confirm opening hours: M-F 3:30-4:30. By app't.

**CWEE:** 1105 Osage 303-892-8444. Women and education/has a clothing bank. Excellent group. Call first. Has a women's clothing bank.

**Dress for Success:** 2415 S. Colorado Blvd #2. 303-832-1889. Collects clothing 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month from 10-2. Difficult to work with. Nothing older than five years, no sports clothing or old shoes. Clothes on hangars or dry cleaning bags.

**Gathering Place:** 1535 High St. 303-321-4198 x43. Need app't to drop off clothes. Also takes toiletries and food items. For women.

**Sacred Heart House for Women:** 2844 Larimer. 303-296-6686. Clothing and items for women moving on.

**Safehouse Denver:** for women: 1649 Downing. 303-318-9989. Standard donations.

### **SPECIFIC ITEMS**

**Bicycles:** Bikes Together, 2825 Fairfax. 303-393-1963. They'll fix and give them away.; Bikes Together, 1060 Osage. 720-943-8757. Others?

**Books:** DPL will take two boxes of books daily for their sale. No textbooks or magazines. Many shelters and schools want books of all kinds for all ages. Check with your favorite places. Also fill up the Little Free Libraries.

**Cell Phones:** Cell Phones for Soldiers fixes them up and gives time for overseas service personnel to make calls. Can be dropped off at Vitalant Blood Bank, the old Bonfils at 717 Yosemite in Lowry. Box inside the second door. South at Liberty Tax Service 5150 S. Broadway (303-974-4586).

**Eye Glasses:** Lyons Clubs all over town. Any old pair, no matter the prescription. One drop-off in Lowry is at the Vitalant Blood Bank on 717 Yosemite (old Bonfils).

**Fabric:** House of Blessing: 3429 E. 28<sup>th</sup>. 303-296-3349. Upholstery fabric only.

**Female Sanitation Projects:** Period Kits. [info@periodkits.com](mailto:info@periodkits.com). 303-246-0011. Pick up extra boxes of tampons and pads. They supply shelters and hand out to homeless women.

**Furniture:** So many people moving on need household furniture like beds, tables, chairs. Put items on Next Door; they will go quickly. Other ideas? Let me know.

**Hazard Stuff:** One collection a year with free pick up (get the neighbors involved). For app't 800-449-7587. All chemical items. Great opportunity. Need at least 100 pounds

**Matresses: Large Item Pick** up 4x a year. 720-913-1311 (311 number) for a schedule or [Denverrecycles.org](http://Denverrecycles.org)

**Medical and Dental Equipment:** Project Cure: 720-341-3152. No medicine but medical supplies, gauze, bandages, walkers etc. To borrow medical items, check out Assistance League.

**Office Furniture:** Providers Resource Clearing House. 303-962-2270 x 4049. Rudy. Great place to get good furniture for n.p. and to donate office furniture, chairs, etc. 14500 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Placae.

**Paint:** go to [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for drop off sites. 855-724-6809.

**Tools:** Denver Tool Library 555 Santa Fe Drive. T/Th 2-7; Sat/Sun 10-3. Call 720-943-4385. Good place to donate tools or borrow when needed.

## ELECTRONICS

**Genesis Electronic Recycling:** 2045 Valentia. 720-881-7238. Call for rates on computers, TVs, etc.

**Electronic Recycling: Tech Rescue:** 3251 Lewiston #10. 303-482-2207. Often have recycling days; have to pay, but you can get rid of old TVs (\$25+)

**MeTech** 500 W. 53<sup>rd</sup>. 866-479-4920. Call for rates on computers, TVs etc.

## METAL RECYCLING:

**Oxford Recycling:** 303-762-1160: asphalt, clean lumber, wood, etc.

**Sustainability Recycling:** 1270 S. Bannock. 18 cents a pound. Recycles anything with a cord.

## GOLD STAR GROUPS

**Denver Public Works:** 7352 S. Cherry Creek Dr South. T-F 11 to 5:30, Sat 9-3. Takes regular recycling and composting for those who don't have regular pick up. 720-913-1311. Collects leaves in the fall, Christmas trees and dead light cords in Jan. Tues-Sat—Takes Styrofoam in packing pieces...no peanuts...only formed pieces. Drive through, takes compost, too.

**We Don't Waste:** 5971 Broadway. 720-443-6113. Gets food from hotels/schools/caterers--all risk free and they distribute to shelters and places of need. Unopened boxes/cans are great. Absolutely a fabulous group.

