

Donating Used Household Items

Cleaning out our double garage recently so we can fit at least one vehicle in there this winter, we realized we have lots of gently used household items that could be donated. From bikes to furniture to garden supplies, donating these items is easier than ever. I googled each item to find out where to drop them off, discovering lots of options for each.

Bikes

Three sons and two adults can accumulate a lot of bikes over the years. These bikes have been in our garage for many years although I'm pretty sure we didn't purchase all of them. So now we are donating other people's used items too. All to a good cause.

I learned there are several places in the Ottawa area that accept donations of used bicycles. They repair or recondition the bikes then sell them keeping them out of the landfill sites. Check out their websites for donating rules and hours of operation.

- Cycle Salvation is located at 473 Bronson Avenue at Gladstone
- Heartwood House is located at 404 McArthur Ave.
- Recyclore is located at 275B Britannia Rd.

Furniture

Gently used furniture is another popular item for donating. I discovered [Matthew House](#), a wonderful initiative offering furniture, support and even shelter and a sense of community to refugees. Their furniture bank is located at 340 Leggett Drive in Kanata, door #53. Check out the website for hours of operation, drop off and pick up schedules and other ways to help.



Other Donating Options

Previously I donated most of my used items to CP, CDA or Value Village. Recently though I have found both CP and CDA frustrating in that they never picked up my items on the scheduled days. There was always an excuse, but after a while I gave up. When I decide to donate (or my husband agrees to part with) an item, I want to do it in a timely fashion, before either of us change our minds.

Another place I have donated items to previously is Value Village. Mainly because they have a drop off location conveniently close to our home. However, my brother recently pointed out [some suspicious details](#) regarding their business, so I thought I would look elsewhere.

Regardless of where you choose to donate your used household items to, it is easy to do and beneficial to many.