

# Community Forklift Donation Guidelines

We accept donations of most new, used and salvaged building & landscaping materials, appliances and tools, as well as antique and vintage housewares. We also accept furniture and commercial materials on a case-by-case basis.

Generally, if the materials have all their parts and can be used as originally intended, then the items will be accepted. If an item is dirty, moldy, broken, inoperative or missing pieces, then it is **NOT easily reusable** and cannot be accepted. We will be more flexible about accepting **vintage, antique** or other **specialty items**. We reserve the right to accept or reject items on a case-by-case basis. The list of acceptable items changes periodically, so be sure to check before you donate.

**We are not able to provide a dumpster for rejected items.**

Please follow the guidelines below:

- **Appliances:** we accept all major appliances. **Wall ovens and dishwashers** are accepted on a case by case basis. Appliances must be clean, mold and odor free, and fully functioning with **ALL** hardware, parts, knobs and shelves. Door gaskets and seals must be in good working order.
- **Cabinets and Bathroom Vanities:** must be clean and fully functional with no water damage. Cultured marble vanity tops must have a matching cabinet. We cannot accept loose particle board shelves or cabinet drawers.
- **Carpet and Rugs:** must be clean and in good condition; no staining, rips or burns.
- **Ceiling Fans:** must include all hardware and the mounting bracket.
- **Countertops:** **marble** and **granite** countertops are accepted. **Laminate** and **Corian** accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- **Doors:** solid wood and metal doors are accepted; **hollow core** doors must be in excellent condition.
- **Flooring:** must be free of nails. We cannot accept **engineered** or **laminate** flooring.
- **Furniture:** solid wood and metal furniture on a case-by-case basis. **No** upholstered, particle board or **office** furniture.
- **Glass and Mirrors:** **must be framed.** No broken glass or items with broken glass.
- **HVAC Equipment:** accepted on case by case basis, but must be less than 10 years old.
- **Hardware:** we accept most useable hardware, including fasteners, door knobs, locksets (with keys), hinges, etc.
- **Home décor and artwork:** accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- **Landscaping Materials:** we accept fencing, stone, flower pots, pavers, etc..
- **Light Fixtures:** most are accepted. Recessed lights must be new, in box. **Florescent bulbs must be removed.**
- **Lumber and Trim:** must be free of nails and at least 5' long.
- **Masonry:** brick and block must be whole and mortar free. We cannot accept broken brick or block.
- **Paints and stains:** containers that are **at least** half-full, less than five years old, rust-free, and with readable labels are accepted in **limited quantities.** **No** corrosives, pesticides, mystery chemicals, powders, or related products.
- **Radiators:** we accept cast iron and baseboard radiators in good working condition.
- **Shower doors:** must be new and in box, with all hardware and tracks. **No** salvaged shower doors.
- **Sheet Goods:** plywood, drywall, Masonite, etc., must be at least 2 feet by 2 feet.
- **Sinks:** most sinks and fixtures in good, clean condition. Cultured marble vanity tops with cabinets **only.**
- **Tile:** we accept unused ceramic and vinyl tile; **salvaged vintage** ceramic tile accepted on a case by case basis.
- **Toilets:** white toilets must be 1.6 gallon (or less) low-flow toilets. Higher flow colored and vintage toilets accepted on a case by case basis. Toilet tank tops must be included and **toilets must be clean.**
- **Tools:** we accept hand tools, power tools and gardening tools in good, working order.
- **Tubs:** Bathtubs and shower pans accepted. **No** Jacuzzis or hot-tubs. Indoor whirlpool tubs accepted only if new.
- **Windows:** must be insulated glass, complete with frame and in good working order. **Single pane** windows and vintage sashes will be considered on a case-by-case basis. **No** aluminum storm windows or window screens.
- **Window treatments:** Shutters are accepted; blinds must be new and in box. **No drapes** or other cloth items.
- **Miscellaneous:** we also accept insulation (must be bagged), misc. plumbing and electrical supplies, and other building materials that are in good useable condition. If in doubt, call to inquire.

## We cannot accept:

- Florescent light bulbs or tubes
- Mattresses, Bedding, housewares, baby items and toys
- Electronics
- Exercise Equipment
- Medical Equipment
- Small appliances like blenders and coffee makers

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