

DONATING REUSABLE GOODS

Donating your unwanted goods to the organizations or businesses listed in this guide provides needed items to people who want them, preserves natural resources, and helps to keep landfills free of usable goods. All donated items should be clean, not torn or stained, and in working condition (unless noted otherwise). If you wish to include your donation to a nonprofit organization as an income tax deduction, you will need to get a receipt.

BUYING AND SELLING REUSABLE GOODS

In addition to the many community agencies which welcome donations of goods, there are many places where you can buy or sell used items. This give-and-take approach is a wise strategy for reducing waste. We encourage you to patronize both non-profit and commercial operations which further the reuse ethic. If you are interested in purchasing a used item, some of the best places to look are thrift stores, consignment shops, classified ads, specialty stores, and yard/garage sales. A garage sale event for South Santa Clara County is held each year. Call 408-310-4169 for details.

- ***Thrift Stores*** - Local thrift stores are an excellent place to donate and buy a wide variety of reusable goods. Search "thrift stores" in your area to find out where your local thrift shops are.
- ***Consignment Shops*** - Consignment shops are often a good source for buying and selling higher quality used clothing or furniture. Sellers bring used items to the store where they are then sold for a profit. When the item sells, the store gives you a percentage of the selling price. Search for consignment furniture, antique, or clothing shops in your area.
- ***Classified Ads*** - The classified ads in your local newspaper are a great place to find used items for sale. If you are selling a used item, be sure to list it in the classifieds.
- ***Specialty Stores*** - Look for stores specializing in the particular item you are interested in. For example, a surf shop may buy and sell used wetsuits, or a bike shop may buy and sell used bicycles. Check the yellow pages, and call around. Many specialty stores also maintain either indoor or outdoor bulletin boards which advertise used goods.
- ***Garage Sales, Yard Sales and Rummage Sales*** - Other ways to encourage reuse of durable goods are through holding your own yard sale or by donating items to local civic groups, school groups, or churches that hold periodic rummage sales and/or flea markets as fundraising events. To find out about these sales check the classified ads in the local paper, call the organizations, or look for them online.

FREECYCLING

Freecycling is when one person passes on, for free, an unwanted item to another person who needs that item. Over 8 million people worldwide are choosing to Freecycle rather than discard, freeing up space in landfills and cutting down on the need manufacture new goods. There are both Morgan Hill and Gilroy Freecycle™ groups. Go to www.trashnothing.com and click "Join Now" to sign up for one or both of our local Freecycle groups today!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Center for Development of Recycling San Jose State University

One Washington Square
San Jose, CA 95192-0204
☎ 800-533-8414
www.recyclestuff.org

Environmental Services Division Community Services Department City of Morgan Hill

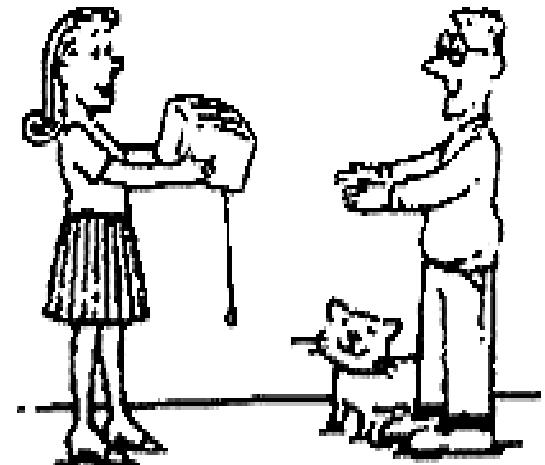
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WHERE TO DONATE REUSABLE GOODS

NAME	ADDRESS/TELEPHONE	CLOTHES	FOOD	SMALL APPLIANCES	FURNITURE	LINENS/ BEDDING	Other	COMMENTS
Community Solutions	Donation Line: • 408-779-2113 • Contact Paige Day	✓				✓	Full size and travel size toiletries, gently used clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, baby/children's clothing, diapers and cleaning supplies. No furniture or large items. Please call ahead to schedule a donation drop-off.	To make a monetary donation, contact Lisa DeSilva at 779-2113 or visit www.communitysolutions.org
Gilroy Public Library Morgan Hill Public Library	350 W. Sixth St. • 408-842-8207 660 W. Main Ave. • 408-779-3196						Books, audiotapes, videotapes, CD's, CD ROM's, recent magazines (2010 to present), any year National Geographic magazines. Must be clean & in good condition. Put in clean boxes or bags of manageable size.	DO NOT ACCEPT: computer software, legal codes, textbooks, encyclopedias, phonograph records/cassettes, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, magazines, catalogs & telephone books. No torn or damaged books.
Goodwill of Silicon Valley	• Morgan Hill: 778-3253 • Gilroy: 842-9941 • To donate auto: 408-869-9129	✓		✓	✓	✓	\$10 recycling fee for mattresses No paint or other hazardous/flammable materials, large appliances, food, construction debris/materials, weapons, auto parts or furniture in need of repair.	Drop-off 7 days, 10am-5pm (Gilroy); 10am-8pm (Morgan Hill) or 9am-5pm (Morgan Hill donation station). Note: Donation trailers cannot accept furniture.
Hope Rehabilitation Services	Morgan Hill & Gilroy • 866-636-6283	✓		✓		✓	Small household items, computers/electronics, working or not working, televisions, sports equipment, toys. No furniture or large items. www.hopeservices.org for complete list.	Will pick-up. Please call to arrange. Also has an auto donation program – call for details. Drop-off location at 8855 Murray Avenue, Gilroy, M-F 8am-4pm.
John H. Boccardo Family Living Center	13545 Monterey Road, San Martin • 408-539-2192	✓		✓	✓	✓	Full/twin bedding, linens, towels, shower curtains, dishes, clothes, small furniture items. Special need for disposable diapers.	Call before donating furniture.
Morgan Hill Unified School District	15600 Concord Cir. • Purchasing: 408-201-6000				✓		Computers, stationery, color or white paper, file folders or other office supplies, will discuss any donation you wish to make for the District or for a particular school.	To donate computer(s) to a particular school, contact Arlene Machado, Director of Technology, 201-6030.
Salvation Army Thrift Store	6701 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy • 408-842-3991	✓		✓	✓	✓	May drop off small (must fit in bags or boxes), reusable goods including working TV's & computers.	Drop-off daily from 10am – 6pm. Closed Sunday. Sometimes hours are 12:30pm-5pm. Please call 1-800-958-7825 for pickup of large items or for more information.
St. Catherine's Church "Reach Out" program	17400 Peak Ave. (behind church) • 408-779-3959		✓				Safe, edible, fresh, frozen, dried, or canned. DON'T leave food unattended. ALSO ACCEPTS CLEAN BROWN PAPER BAGS.	Bring food to St. Catherine's Church Reachout (portable building behind church) from 1-2:30 PM, Monday-Friday.
St. Joseph's Family Center with 2nd Harvest Food Bank	7950 Church St, Suite A, Gilroy • To donate, call 408-842-6662 x 26 (Bilingual)		✓				Same food as above including produce, pastries and bread. NO PREPARED/HOMEMADE FOOD ACCEPTED. Also accepts CLEAN plastic and brown bags for food distribution and personal hygiene items.	Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am-noon and 1pm-4.
St. Vincent de Paul at St. Catherine's Church	17400 Peak Ave. (Parish Office) • Debbie at 408-500-5659	✓		✓	✓	✓	Gently used adult and children's clothes, children's books and toys, baby items, household items, and furniture.	Donations accepted M-F from 8am-7pm; Sun 8am-12pm. Individuals with large donations should contact Debbie at 408-500-5659. Given free of charge to local individuals and families in need at Community Closet, 13570 Depot St., San Martin. Open to the public Tuesday and Thursday 10am-noon.
United Cancer Research Society	• 1-800-443-4224 • to donate auto: 800-222-1533	✓		✓	✓		Useable household items including clothing, shoes, small appliances, furniture, and collectibles.	All furniture must be in resaleable condition. You can generally take a tax deduction for the current value of the items. Please call 1-800-443-4224 for free pick-up service arrangements available in California.
Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center (WERC)	Contact Sue Howell for more info on donations. • Morgan Hill: 408-779-9372						Artificial greenery (plants, flowers, x-mas trees with no lights), heavy duty welded wire, metal garbage cans (no holes), redwood lattice, railroad ties.	Please call for more information. Donation requests may change during the year. Monetary donations Contact Sue Howell or visit www.werc-ca.org

Note: Inclusion in this guide does not constitute endorsement. All reuse organizations may not be listed. If you know of other reuse organizations in the South County area, please call the City of Morgan Hill's Environmental Services Division at 408-310-4169.