



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Donation Guidelines

When friends donate unusable or hazardous goods, the cost to properly dispose of these items reduces funding that could support programs for individuals and families in need. By following these guidelines, you ensure resources are being properly allocated to make donations go further. All donated items should be **gently used, clean, and in working condition.**

Checklist

- Furniture in good shape
- No stains, rips, tears, or pet hair
- No items painted with lead-based paint
- No recalled items
- No water or fire damage
- Equipment meets [Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CSPC\) standard](#)
- Washed stuffed animals
- Toys sanitized and cleaned

We Cannot Accept:

- household hazardous waste items like opened cleaners, fluorescent lamps, or paint
- Baby cribs, strollers, play pens or car seats
- Box springs and mattresses
- sleeper sofas
- Carpet or padding
- Copy machines
- Cassettes and VHS
- Computers
- Doors
- Drapery rods
- Encyclopedia's, magazines or law books
- Fax machines
- Fertilizer
- Fiberglass bath tubs and showers
- Gasoline
- Glass or unframed mirrors
- Large TV's (unless it's a flat screen) or entertainment center
- Motor oil
- Paint or paint thinner
- Pianos
- Porcelain commodes and sinks
- Press board furniture
- Printers
- Refrigerators
- Screens
- Tires
- Typewriters
- Waterbeds
- Windows or window blinds
- Word processors

If you are unsure whether the item you are interested in donating is appropriate or have further questions, please email marie.schwartz@svdphouston.org