

Eco-Friendly Moving

Why we care

When timelines are short, many items that could be used by someone else, or at least recycled, end up going to the landfill.

Simple, positive steps

Plan ahead, and take the opportunity to purge. Ask yourself when the last time was that you used an item. Is it worth the space it takes up?

Sort into these categories:

- **Sell.** Hold an estate or garage sale, or sell individual items on Craigslist, Next Door.com, or your local [Buy Nothing site](#).
- **Give it away.**
 - **Household items.** Thrift stores often have pickup services or donation stations: William Temple House, St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill Donation Center, Community Warehouse, or Union Gospel Mission. Different stores accept different items, so call three or four before giving up on questionable items like appliances and carpets.
 - **Building materials.** Contact the [Rebuilding Center](#) or [Habitat for Humanity ReStore](#).
 - **Clothing.** Dress for Success accepts business clothing for women in need going on job interviews.
 - **Odds and ends.** [S.C.R.A.P](#) accepts all kinds of materials that schools and artists might use.
- **Recycle.** For non-curbside items, such as paint, electronics, athletic shoes, and books see [Beyond Curbside](#), or call Metro at 234-3000.

Hire a service. Overwhelmed? See a sample list of [professional organizers](#).

Avoid buying new boxes you will only use once. Ask your local grocery store for produce boxes, or check the “free” section on Craigslist to both obtain and get rid of moving boxes. Or consider [renting boxes](#), or buying surplus boxes from [Carton Service](#).