

Donation & Disposal Resources

A Seller's Guide to Decluttering — West Denver Metro

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Getting ready to list often means finding a home for things you no longer need — whether you're prepping your own move or helping clean out a home for a family member. Here's a reliable, organized list of where to donate, recycle, sell, or responsibly dispose of almost anything, sorted by category. Places marked ★ **TOP PICK** are the options we trust most in that category.

A quick note: hours, pickup availability, and drop-off rules can change — it's always worth a quick call or website check before you make the trip.

FURNITURE & LARGE ITEMS

ARC Thrift Stores

Takes: Furniture, housewares, clothing, books, small appliances

Won't take: Stains, rips, tears, pet hair, broken items; no storage-unit or commercial pickups

Pickup: FREE residential pickup | **Phone:** 1-800-283-2721 | **Web:** arcthrift.com

→ *Ratings vary a bit by store — the W Jewell Ave location rates highest. Worth a quick check for your nearest one.*

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Takes: Furniture, cabinets, working appliances, dishes, building materials, light fixtures

Won't take: Mattresses, stained/torn upholstery, large entertainment centers, particle-board items

Pickup: FREE scheduled (Tue–Sat, 2–3 day lead) | **Phone:** 303-421-5300 | **Web:** habitatmetrodenver.org/restore | **Serves:** Denver, Littleton, Arvada

→ *Check zip-code pickup eligibility on their website first.*

American Samaritan ★ **TOP PICK**

Takes: Most furniture, PIANOS, large household items

Won't take: Broken, damaged, incomplete, or odorous items (will haul for a fee)

Pickup: FREE within 5 mi of Lakewood; mileage donation beyond | **Phone:** 720-841-1257 | **Web:** americansamaritan.org |

Serves: Lakewood, Denver, Golden, Arvada

→ *Professional movers on staff — a rare nonprofit that also takes pianos. THE go-to for hard-to-place items.*

Denver Rescue Mission

Takes: Furniture and large household items; clothing/food only with a furniture pickup

Won't take: Will not pick up clothing, food, or housewares alone

Pickup: FREE pickup (often booked ~1 month out) | **Phone:** 303-331-2931 | **Web:** denverrescuemission.org/ways-to-give/give-items | **Serves:** Denver metro

→ *High demand — schedule well in advance of your listing date.*

GraceFull Home

Takes: Couches, beds, dressers, tables, chairs, lamps, kitchenware for families exiting homelessness

Won't take: Broken, stained, or heavily worn furniture

Pickup: Sometimes — pickup for qualifying donations | **Web:** gracefullhome.org | **Serves:** Denver metro

→ *Best for a clean, gently-used full furniture set.*

Salvation Army (ARC – Denver)

Takes: Clothing, furniture, small appliances, household goods, toys

Won't take: Broken items, large console TVs, oversized exercise equipment (varies)

Pickup: FREE pickup (varies by zip; sometimes suspended) | **Phone:** 1-800-728-7825 | **Web:** satruck.org

→ [Verify pickup availability for your zip code before scheduling.](#)

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Goodwill of Colorado

Takes: Clothing, shoes, jackets, jewelry, accessories, housewares, books, computers, exercise gear

Won't take: Mattresses, large console TVs, hazardous materials, broken items

Pickup: Drop-off, or fee-based pickup via ReSupply | **Web:** goodwillcolorado.org/donations

→ [Items must be in 'good usable condition or better.'](#) [Dell Reconnect accepts any-brand computers.](#) (ARC Thrift Stores, listed under Furniture, is another solid option for clothing too.)

The Action Center ★ TOP PICK

Takes: Gently used clothing for households in need

Won't take: Damaged, stained, or unwashed items

Pickup: No — drop off only | **Web:** theactioncenter.org | **Serves:** Lakewood

→ [A local favorite — strong reputation across the west metro.](#)

Dress for Success Denver

Takes: New/nearly-new business attire, shoes, handbags, jewelry, unused cosmetics

Won't take: Trash bags or wardrobe boxes, out-of-style items, soiled items

Pickup: No — drop off only | **Phone:** 303-832-1889 | **Web:** denver.dressforsuccess.org | **Serves:** Denver metro

BOOKS

Denver Public Library

Takes: Used books, modern textbooks, music CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray, records

Won't take: Magazines, encyclopedias, damaged or moldy books

Pickup: No — drop off at branches | **Phone:** 720-865-1723 (Central) | **Web:** denverlibrary.org/donate | **Serves:** Denver

→ [About 2 boxes per branch; larger drops at Central need an appointment.](#)

Jefferson County Public Library

Takes: Used books, DVDs, CDs in good condition

Won't take: Damaged, moldy, or heavily worn items

Pickup: No — drop off at any branch | **Web:** jeffcolibrary.org | **Serves:** Lakewood, Arvada, Golden

→ [Convenient option for Jeffco sellers — no appointment needed.](#)

Book Give Denver

Takes: Children's books, YA, fiction, history, poetry, Spanish-language

Won't take: Textbooks, damaged books, encyclopedias

Pickup: No pickup | **Web:** bookgivedenver.org | **Serves:** Denver

→ [Best option for family/kids' book collections.](#)

ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCES

Blue Star Recyclers ★ TOP PICK

Takes: Laptops, phones, routers, printers, computers, DVD/VCR players, TVs, batteries, monitors, stereos

Won't take: Microwaves, large appliances (fridges/washers)

Pickup: No — drop-off only | **Phone:** 303-534-1667 | **Web:** bluestarrecyclers.org

→ *Small per-pound fee on TVs/CRT monitors; most other items are free. Employs people with disabilities.*

Best Buy

Takes: CRT TVs (small fee); large appliance haul-away with a new purchase

Won't take: No appliance drop-off in store

Pickup: Haul-away \$59.99 w/ purchase, or \$199.99 standalone (up to 2 large items) | **Web:** bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling

→ *Best realistic route for an old fridge, washer, or dryer if you're buying a replacement.*

Call2Recycle (Home Depot / Lowe's / Staples)

Takes: Rechargeable batteries (under 11 lbs), cell phones

Won't take: Single-use alkaline batteries (most sites), lead-acid car batteries

Pickup: No — drop-off only | **Web:** call2recycle.org/locator

→ *Free. Great for power-tool and laptop batteries — boxes are usually near the entrance.*

Rooney Road Recycling Center (Jeffco)

Takes: Electronics, batteries, and small appliances, plus household chemicals

Won't take: Commercial waste, explosives, radioactive or medical waste

Pickup: Curbside pickup (\$40 co-pay) or drop-off by appointment | **Phone:** 303-316-6262 | **Web:** rooneyroadrecycling.org |

Serves: Lakewood, Arvada, Golden (Jeffco)

→ *Reviews are mixed on wait times, but it's Jeffco's official facility and takes almost everything electronic in one stop. See Hazardous Waste section for full details.*

PIANOS

American Samaritan ★ TOP PICK

Takes: Uprights, spinets, consoles, some grands in playable condition

Won't take: Broken, water-damaged, or missing-key pianos

Pickup: YES — professional piano movers on staff, free within 5 mi of Lakewood | **Phone:** 720-841-1257 | **Web:** americansamaritan.org/piano-pick-up | **Serves:** Lakewood, Denver, Arvada, Golden

→ *The go-to (and honestly, the only reliable) local piano donation option. Typical pickup fee runs around \$300 outside the free radius — still less than a \$500 junk-hauler fee.*

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Play It Again Sports — Lakewood

Takes: Working treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, benches, weights, sports gear

Won't take: Broken or rusted equipment

Pickup: No pickup — bring it in for cash or trade | **Web:** playitagainsports.com/locations/lakewood-co | **Serves:** Lakewood, Golden, Denver

→ *Pays cash on the spot — no appointment needed.*

MATTRESSES

Spring Back Colorado ★ TOP PICK

Takes: All sizes of mattresses and box springs

Won't take: Bed frames, wet/moldy/bedbug-infested mattresses

Pickup: Yes — home pickup for a fee, or drop off for \$40/piece | **Web:** springbackco.org

→ *Colorado's dedicated mattress recycler — 90%+ of materials recycled, and they employ people in recovery.*

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Rooney Road Recycling Center (Jeffco) ★ TOP PICK

Takes: Paint, chemicals, auto fluids, pesticides, pool chemicals, batteries, propane, fluorescent bulbs, electronics

Won't take: Commercial waste, explosives, radioactive, medical waste

Pickup: Yes — curbside \$40 co-pay; drop-off by appointment | **Phone:** 303-316-6262 | **Web:** rooneyroadrecycling.org | **Serves:** Lakewood, Arvada, Golden (Jeffco)

→ *\$30 co-pay covers the first 75 lbs for Jeffco residents — 75% subsidized. Their Reuse Room also gives away free paint and chemicals. Note: online reviews are mixed, mostly about wait times — worth booking your appointment slot early.*

Arapahoe County HHW

Takes: Paint, batteries, garden/household chemicals, electronics, pool chemicals, mercury items

Won't take: Commercial waste, explosives, ammunition

Pickup: Home pickup by appointment (\$20 fee) | **Phone:** 1-800-449-7587 | **Web:** arapahoeco.gov (trash & recycling) | **Serves:** Littleton, unincorp. Arapahoe Co

→ *Very convenient option for Littleton sellers.*

PaintCare Colorado ★ TOP PICK

Takes: House paint, primer, stain, sealer, varnish, shellac (up to 5 gal/visit)

Won't take: Aerosol paint, industrial coatings, leaking cans

Pickup: Drop-off at 150+ sites; direct pickup available in metro counties | **Phone:** 720-854-8722 | **Web:** paintcare.org/states/colorado

→ *Free — funded by a small fee on new paint. The easiest paint disposal path, hands down.*

SPECIALTY ITEMS

Lions Club / COLERC (Recycle for Sight)

Takes: Used eyeglasses, reading glasses, prescription glasses, sunglasses

Won't take: Eyeglass cases, frames broken beyond repair

Pickup: No — drop boxes at optical stores | **Web:** denverlions.org/page/eyeglass-donations

→ *Easy add-on — boxes are at most optical stores and many churches.*

Brides Against Breast Cancer

Takes: Wedding gowns within ~3 years of current styles, veils, headpieces

Won't take: Permanently stained or damaged dresses, shoes

Pickup: Mail-in only (donor ships) | **Web:** bridesagainstabreastcancer.org | **Serves:** Nationwide

→ *Must be on hangers, current styles, dry-cleaned. Gives a tax receipt.*

Brides Across America

Takes: Wedding gowns within 5 years, for military/first-responder brides

Won't take: Heavily damaged or stained gowns

Pickup: Mail-in only | **Web:** bridesacrossamerica.com | **Serves:** Nationwide

→ Good alternative if your gown is slightly older.

GARAGE SALES, ESTATE SALES & FREE GIVEAWAYS

Facebook Marketplace

Takes: Anything — furniture, decor, tools, clothing, and everything in between

Pickup: Buyer picks up; you set the price (or list free) | **Web:** facebook.com/marketplace | **Serves:** All 5 cities

→ Listing items as 'free — must pick up today' is often the fastest way to clear a big batch at once.

Nextdoor

Takes: Anything — especially popular for furniture, moving boxes, and yard/garden items

Pickup: Buyer picks up; free or for-sale listings both work well | **Web:** nextdoor.com | **Serves:** All 5 cities

→ Neighbors tend to move fast on free listings — great for getting things gone same-day.

Host a garage or estate sale

Takes: A great option when you have a large volume of usable items to clear at once

Pickup: You host; buyers come to you

→ If the volume feels like more than a weekend garage sale, a professional estate sale company can run the whole thing — sale first, then haul-away of what's left. Ask us for a referral.

SCRAP METAL

Atlas Metal & Iron Corp

Takes: Aluminum, brass, copper, lead, stainless steel, zinc, cast iron, steel — old appliances, pipe, wiring, and more

Won't take: Non-metal items

Pickup: Drop-off, walk-in — no account or appointment needed | **Web:** atlasmetalandiron.com | **Serves:** Denver

→ Family-owned since 1956. Pays cash for scrap metal on the spot — a solid public option if your usual metal contact isn't available.

Need a hand deciding where to start?

Whether you're prepping your own home or helping a loved one through a move, you don't have to figure this out alone. Call or text LaDawn at 720-915-2619 — whatever works best for you.