

# **Donated Furniture Guidelines**

We accept items that are both saleable and in good condition. We monitor sales trends to ensure that we carry merchandise that will sell quickly. All proceeds from the sale of merchandise support programs and services at Opportunity House.

Donations are accepted Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm at the rear of OppShop at 3045 5<sup>th</sup> Street Highway, Temple, PA.

**To schedule a pick up, please call 484-957-3861.**

## **Tips to make your donations as easy as possible.**

- Send photos of items to be approved before you schedule your pickup.
- If you need a pick up, schedule your pick up as far in advance as possible. We recommend at least 14 days advance notice.
- We will gladly take bags of clothing, boxes of books, housewares, and media at the time of your furniture pick up. Just let us know what you'll be donating.
- Test all electrical items to be sure they work properly. We will request testing of all electrical equipment before loading it onto the truck. We will not pick up items that have not been tested.
- If in doubt about a donation, send a photo and we'll review it prior to scheduling a pickup.

## **We're committed to reducing landfill waste.**

- Items that are unsaleable or broken are discarded. The cost to remove waste reduces the funds that support our mission of helping the homeless in Berks County.

**Here are some tips to help determine if your items meet OppShop guidelines for sale.**

## **Sofas and Chairs:**

- Solid colored sofas and chairs are the most desirable.
- We generally do not accept sofas that are wood or have wooden trim, plaids or large floral patterns. Solid colors and small prints are preferred. \*
- No rips, stains, tears, smell or visible animal or human hair on chairs or sofas.
- All cushions must be included. Sectionals must include all pieces.
- All legs must be attached to the sofa or chair.
- Leather and vinyl must be in good condition with no tears, cracking, stains or noticeable wear.
- If a sofa or chair has electrical components, it must work. Please have your items near a plug so it can be tested at pick up. All electric items must be tested before being loaded onto the truck.
- Recliners must be in good working condition and will be tested prior to being loaded on the truck.

### **Sofa Beds**

- The mattress must be stain-free, without any rips, tears or exposed springs. The mattress must be included. \*

### **Kitchen and Dining Room Sets:**

- We welcome regular-sized kitchen and dining room tables with chairs. We generally do not take full-sized tables without chairs.
- The chairs must be in usable condition without excessive wear.

### **Beds:**

- We accept beds that include a bed frame, mattress and box spring.
- No rips, stains, tears, smells, excess animal or human hair
- Please include all pieces of the frames and/or headboard/footboard sets, including the screws, nuts, and bolts.
- We do not accept hospital beds or water beds.
- We accept bunk beds.

### **Bedroom furniture:**

- All drawers, doors, shelving and glass must be in place.
- All drawers and doors must have the appropriate hardware.
- No broken legs, wear or staining on the wood. No damage to the back or sides of the furniture.
- Armoires must have shelves or closet space and not an area for a television.

### **Appliances:**

- No visible rust or wear.
- Refrigerators/freezers must get cold and be working.
- Washers and dryers must work. This includes 220 v washer/dryers.
- All electrical appliances must be plugged in and tested prior to loading on the truck.
- We accept microwave ovens, small appliances, air fryers, hair dryers, InstaPots that are clean, in working order.

### **Exercise Equipment**

- Must be in working condition with no torn tracks, ripped seats, loose wires, disconnected parts. Electrical equipment must be tested before being loaded on the truck.
- We accept small weightlifting benches and other smaller exercise equipment in good condition.
- In general, we do not take-home gyms i.e. the ones with wires and weights. Please contact OppShop to discuss prior to scheduling a pickup. \*

\*Please send photos prior to scheduling your pickup.

### **Items we don't accept**

- Large entertainment centers

- Televisions other than flat screen televisions
- Computers
- Broken furniture or appliances
- Incomplete items with missing parts
- Building materials
- Cribs, car seats, high chairs.

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