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How Giving Your Stuff to Seattle Goodwill Can Help Someone Get a Job

Thank you for your generous donation to Seattle Goodwill. You may not know it, but your donation helps the entire community. Here's how it works:

When you donate your used or new items to us, Seattle Goodwill turns your donation into merchandise for our non-profit thrift stores. Then, when your donation is sold, we use the proceeds to support our Adult Basic Education and Employment and Training programs. Each year, these award-winning programs provide thousands of hours of free classes and on-the-job training to hundreds of individuals in our community, and help people get the work experience, education and life skills they need to succeed!

Over 90% of the funding for these programs comes from the things we sell in our thrift stores. So the bottom line is—we depend on you!

So How Do I Make a Donation?

Drop off your donations at our stores in Seattle, Bellevue, Tukwila, Bremerton, Mt. Vernon, Marysville and Bellingham or at one of our many attended donation centers located throughout the Puget Sound area. Call us or check our website for hours and locations. We also have stores in Lynnwood and Everett, but unfortunately we are not able to accept donations there.

When you arrive at the store or attended donation center, our staff will be happy to assist you. Our attendant will also give you a receipt that you can use to estimate the value of your donations. Seattle Goodwill is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donations are tax-deductible.

So What Kinds of Things Does Seattle Goodwill Accept?

We accept lots of things, such as clothes, shoes, toys, and small appliances. Here are some guidelines to help you decide what to donate:

Items we can accept

Clothing
Shoes
Accessories
Jewelry
Antiques
Collectibles
Computer hardware and software
CDs, records, cassette tapes
Videos
Electronics
Art
Sporting goods
Lawnmowers (as long as they work and you've drained all oil and fuel from them)

Toys
Games
Books
Tools
Infant and children's items, including furniture (but check the "items we can't accept" list for exceptions)
Housewares
Linens
Small appliances
Microwave ovens
Rugs
Furniture in good condition*

Items we can't accept

Cribs that do not meet current safety standards
Baby strollers
Nursing pumps
Sleeping bags
Ultraviolet tanning beds
Water heaters
Water heaters
Electric overcookers
Electric space heaters
Flued, paraffin or other flammable or hazardous chemicals and substances
Carburetors or other carburetor materials
Lead-acid batteries
Stairlifts
Mighty Mites
Cigarettes
Stereos
abinet TV

Used motorcycle and bicycle helmets
Used large appliances
Air conditioners
Used Venetian or mini blind
Used rug pads
Shower doors
Bean bag chairs
Mini hammocks
Wire hangers
Copy machines
Fluorescent lighting fixtures and bulbs
Office dividers
Any product recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (please call them if there's a question)
Car seats

Items we sometimes accept— Please call our main office first

Doors
Windows
Carpeting
Bathtubs
Antique appliances
Pianos
Organs
Pool tables
Camping equipment
Large mirrors

*Large furniture should be taken to one of our store locations.

Why the lists?

We cannot accept some things for a variety of reasons, including safety and chemical hazards, inability to repair items, product recalls, and high garbage disposal fees.

If you have any questions about items on these lists, please give us a call!

Main Office: (206) 329-1000
Toll Free: 1-877-GIVE4GOOD
www.seattlegoodwill.org

Thank You For Giving to Seattle Goodwill!

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Dos and Don'ts

We put your donations to work! The items you donate are sold in Goodwill stores to fund career training programs that provide job skills to people with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Donation Dos

- Wash or dry-clean clothing.
- Test electrical equipment and battery-operated items.
- Include all pieces and parts to children's games and toys.
- Check with your local Goodwill Industries to determine standards for donating computers and used vehicles.

Donation Don'ts

There are some donations that we cannot accept due to safety concerns. Help us keep unsafe items out of stores by not donating items that have been recalled, banned or do not meet current safety standards. For more information, visit the Consumer Product Safety Commission or contact your local Goodwill.

Find a Goodwill Near You

Enter your Zip Code

Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
9200 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814
(240) 333-5200

For general information, contact:
contactus@goodwill.org

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RETAIL REGISTER

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H.B. 485 (Rep. Carol Ronen, D-Chicago/Sen. Tom Walsh, R-LaGrange Park) creates the Child Product Safety Act. H.B. 485 will not create a second Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Instead, the current system of CPSC and the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA)

issuing recalls and warnings for most children's products will continue. IDPh will create and maintain a comprehensive list of all products for which recalls and warnings have been issued. IDPh will have to make that information available to the public at no cost, post it on the internet, and encourage links. IRMA's web-page will serve as a link when IDPh is ready. Retrofit's will be allowed but only under certain circumstances. For example, retailers will be able to accomplish retrofit's approved by the appropriate federal agency for previously unsold products. Also, for products that require assembly, a retrofit can be given to the consumer at the point of sale but instructions on how to apply the retrofit must be included. H.B. 485 also ensures that State-licensed day cares will not have dangerous children's products in their facilities. **Effective date: 1/1/2000.**

IRMA POSITION: Support STATUS: Public Act 91-0413

SECTION 210.1007 - List of Unsafe Children's Product

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** stated the DOH must provide child care providers a comprehensive list of children's products that have been identified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) as unsafe by July 1, 2003, and quarterly thereafter. As this information is available on the CPSC website, and existing staff can obtain this information, there will be no additional costs to the DOH for this requirement. The costs for copying and mailing this information to child care providers are as follows:

Copying costs: Based on a review of CPSC recall statements, the average number of recalls affecting children is estimated to be eleven (11) per month. Therefore, it would be necessary to mail an average of 28 pages to each child care provider for each month. The copies can be two-sided. Therefore, there would be an average of 14 pages that must be mailed to each child care provider per month. The cost for two-sided copying is \$.045 per copy for a total of \$0.63 ($$.045 \times 14$) monthly copying costs for each child care provider. As the information must be provided quarterly, the copying costs for each child care provider quarterly would be \$1.89.

There are 3,777 child care providers. Therefore, the total quarterly copying costs would be \$7,139 ($\$1.89 \times 3,777$). The annual copying costs would be \$28,556 ($4 \times \$7,139$).

Costs for Stuffing Envelopes: It would be necessary to contract with another agency to stuff the envelopes. The rate for stuffing envelopes is \$.05 per envelope. There are 3,777 child care facilities. Therefore, the costs for stuffing the envelopes would be \$189 quarterly ($$.05 \times 3,777$) and \$756 annually ($4 \times \$189$).

Mailing Costs: It would be necessary to mail 3,777 envelopes containing the CPSC recall statements to child care providers quarterly. The cost for mailing each envelope (bulk rate) is \$0.4560 per envelope or \$1,722 for each quarterly mailing ($\$0.4560 \times 3,777$). The annual mailing cost would be \$6,889 ($4 \times \$1,722$).

Total costs: The total annual costs to copy the materials, stuff the envelopes, and mail the materials to child care providers would be \$36,201 ($\$28,556 + \$756 + \$6,889 = \$36,201$).

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Child care staff must document each facility's compliance with past signed and dated notification forms during regular inspections, and instruct child care providers to dispose of all unsafe children's products. As this can be accomplished during regular inspections, there are no additional costs to the DOH for this purpose.

Finally, DOH officials would request one (1.00) clerk typist II to obtain information from the CPSC website; determine which recall statements pose a threat to children and eliminate those that don't; prepare copies and submit to child care staff and supervisors who will monitor them for compliance; manage the contract for stuffing the envelopes; assemble the materials for submission to the contractor who will stuff the envelopes; obtain the packet from the contractor and prepare for mailing; handle complaints and problems that arise from providing and mailing

the information to child care providers; track the recall statements that have been submitted to child care providers in order to monitor them appropriately; and work closely with supervisors and staff to ensure efficient monitoring of the recall statements.

Oversight assumes the DOH could absorb the additional work with existing staff resources. However, if the number of quarterly mailings were to increase significantly, the DOH may need to request additional staff through the appropriations process.