

## **Furniture Donation Guidelines**

It is our intention to bless people in need with items that represent a fresh new beginning. Items must be immediately usable as we cannot repair or refinish donations.

## 1. General condition & Size Requirements

All donated items MUST be clean, operable, and in good working order at the time of drop-off or pick up.

### Items We Decline Based on Condition:

- Items that are worn, torn, faded, cat-scratched, soiled, gouged, broken, or need to be refinished, re-stained, or repainted.
- Items with spots, stains, tears, or visible pet hair or odors.
- Items that are missing necessary pieces (e.g., handles, drawers, shelf pegs).

#### Items We Decline Based on Size:

- Most recipients live in small dwellings, often on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. We decline large, bulky display furniture large entertainment centers, and other oversized items that are difficult to move and fit in small dwellings.
- For safety reasons, we decline all items with glass tops (dining tables, coffee tables, end tables).

# 2. Furniture by Category

**Beds and Bedding** 

Category	Items We Can Accept	Items we Decline		
Bed Sizes	Twin, Twin XL, Full/Double,	King size mattresses & frames.		
	and Queen	Futons, Day Beds, Trundle		
		Beds, Loft Beds, Medical or		
		Electric Operated Beds.		
Mattresses	Clean Only	Mattresses with visible spots,		
Box Springs		stains, tears, pet hair/odors, or		
		signs of bugs		
Bed Frames	Hollywood-Style metal frames	Wooden Bed Frames (due to		
	fixed or adjustable (rust free)	bed bug risks)		
Bunk Beds	Only new or like-new metal	Used or Wooden Bunk Beds		
	twin/twin frames. Must include all			
	parts and assembly instructions			
Cribs	Must be cleaned without paint	Older model cribs		
Toddler Beds	chips, and include all parts and	cribs with chipped paint or teeth		
	assembly instructions	marks		

Seating (Couches, Chairs, Recliners)

Category	Items We Can Accept	Items we Decline	
Couches	Full Size & Love Seats. Must not	Sectional Couches. Futons,	
	have spots, stains, tears, or pet	Hide-a-bed couches. Couches	
	hair/odors. This includes under	with built-in recliners (too bulky)	
	the cushions too.		
Chairs	Upholstered armchairs, rocking	Loungers or	
	chairs, and glider chairs. Must not	Tall Bar Stools (over 28 inches)	
	have spots, stains, tears, or pet		
	hair/odors.		
Recliners	Must be fully operable.	Power Recliners (unless the	
	back is removable and w		
		is reasonable upon inspection).	
Seat/Back	Must have firmness.	Sagging Cushions	
Cushions	Must not have spots, stains, tears,	Leather/vinyl cannot be flaking,	
	or pet hair/odors.	peeling, or torn	

Tables, Desks, and Storage

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Category	Items We Can Accept	Items we Decline

Kitchen &	Preferred Size is 5 feet or less	Glass Top Dining Tables.	
Dining Tables	without leaves (larger accepted	Tables & Chairs that need to be	
With or Without	periodically). Chairs are	refinished or repainted.	
Chairs	encouraged but not required.	Cushions must be free of spots,	
		stains, & tears.	
Barista Sets	Barista Style tables with chairs	Chairs/Stools over 28 inches.	
	accepted as a set <u>only</u> .	Any chairs with spots, stains,	
		tears.	
Bookshelves	Cannot exceed 4 feet wide or 6	Bookcases with tacked-on	
	feet high. If adjustable shelves,	cardboard backs.	
	all shelf pegs must be included.		
Dressers	Drawers must be fully operable	Drawers that do not operate	
	and all hardware present. Mirrors	smoothly, missing	
	must be removable from the	handles/knobs, or if it needs to	
dresser.		be refinished.	
Desks	Cannot exceed 4 feet wide and 36	Hutches or desks wider than 4	
	inches tall	feet	
TV Stands Small practical size TV		Large Entertainment Centers	
	Stands/Consoles		
Office/Desk	Must have 5-Rollers and fully	Cannot have spots, stains,	
Chairs	operable	tears, or signs of pet hair/odors.	

### 3. Other Items We Decline

- <u>Electrical Appliances:</u> We do not accept any items that require an electrical plug-in. This includes washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, heaters, air-conditioners, TVs stereos, and lamps (Lamps are only accepted in rare, weekly exceptions).
- Large Furniture: Buffets, China Hutches (only the bottom portion may be used as a dresser), Credenzas, File Cabinets.
- Recreational/Decorative: Patio Furniture, Knick-Knacks, Miscellaneous Decorative Fixtures, Exercise Equipment, Musical Instruments.
- **Medical Equipment:** We do not typically accept medical equipment. Please contact **Helping Hands** on SE 13th Street: **Phone:** 503-364-9936 || **Address:** 1755 13th St. SE, Salem, OR 97302

Please remember to clean all donated items thoroughly prior to our arrival, as we often deliver items the same day we receive them.

Thank you for your kindness.