

Donation Guidelines: In-Kind Items

WNC graciously accepts your donations of household items and clothing. All donations are tax deductible so do not forget to pick up a tax donation receipt! To help WNC save on time and space, please consider the following guidelines when making InKind donations:

We CANNOT accept:

- Televisions
- Used pillows
- Cribs with drop sides and any made before June 28, 2011 in order to meet CPSC Federal safety standards: www.cpsc.gov/businfo/frnotices/fr11/cribfinal.pdf
- Car seats more than 5 years old (sticker with date is on the back)
- Sleeper sofas or pullout couches
- Badly stained, torn, water/smokedamaged or broken furniture
- Furniture from a house with pets or smokers (many clients have allergies or intolerances)
- King sized beds
- Computers and Electronics older than 3 years
- Preowned stuffed animals (we take new with tags only due to health concerns)
- Used undergarments and toiletries (such as combs and brushes) due to health concerns
- Clothing with events, logos (unless Waunakee or Wisconsin), or inappropriate sayings
- Broken, excessively soiled, worn, or stained items

Larger Items – WNC’s store size does not allow us to take in large items such as furniture and larger appliances (microwaves, refrigerators, etc.). Instead, for donations of this type, please call us at (608) 8495740 or email us at wncteam@waunakeenc.com and let us know what you wish to donate. We will then work with you and our clients to coordinate pick up/delivery direct to our clients’ homes. We often have requests for beds and couches, but because many of our clients are in their financial struggles due in large part to health issues, we need your help to ensure that we are not giving them smokey or moldy items that could further threaten their health. Think working, clean, and comfortable.

We **CAN** accept these **SMALL** appliances at the store:

- coffee makers
- toasters
- irons
- blenders
- food processors
- waffle irons

If you have any donation items you are unsure about, please call 8495740 or email wncteam@waunakeenc.com, and we will be happy to assist you.

Condition of Items– WNC volunteers spend a considerable amount of time sorting all items that are donated. To save us time, please ensure that your items are clean, smoke free, not heavily worn, and do not have stains or rips. Upholstered items should also come from a pet-free home. For nonclothing items, please ensure that items are in workable condition. A rule of thumb is if you wouldn’t pay money for the item at a garage sale, it probably won’t be put out at our store.

Dropping off Donations– Please drop off items (besides larger items and others listed above) at the WNC store during dropoff hours. For dropoff hours, please see our calendar. Please do not drop off donations during client shopping hours, and do not leave your donations outside of the store when the store is closed. Donations may also be dropped off any time at the Waunakee Police Department.

Wash, Wrap and Mark Your Bedding – To save us time, please consider washing, wrapping (with tape or place in a clear bag), and marking the size and type of bedding donations (example: Queen sheet set with 2 pillow cases).